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# THE MESSENGER

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## Becoming a Team

Our Church Personnel Handbook expresses the importance of the church staff functioning as team. Since we are to be a team together, in these first few months as your pastor, one of my priorities has been to ensure that, as a team, our staff is a winning team. I have been meeting and working with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Music Search Committee, the staff, and members of the church to help fill in and structure a staff that is able to respond capably to the opportunities God is providing for our church. Although there will always be changes, as there are with any team, I am pleased to be able to share with you that the current team is almost complete.

With Josh Dumbleton's arrival in late September, the position of Music Director has been filled. If you've been in church since then, you may supply your own adjectives to describe our success in filling this long-vacant position. If you have not attended a Sunday service recently, let me just say, "God has smiled upon us and blessed us." Interim positions in the area of music are no longer needed.

There are some other changes in our staff structure. We have redefined the job description of the Executive Secretary and changed the title to reflect a new focus of responsibility. Effective November 1, 2006, Cheryl Chastain will be the Administrative Assistant to the Pastor. In this position, there is an increased expectation of assistance to the pastor, with a corresponding decreased emphasis on duties of church secretary. The new focus will enhance your pastor's administrative supervision capabilities, providing increased support for the pastor and, at the same time, allowing him to be out of the office more for visitation, study and teaching.

As this position will now provide more support to the pastor and decrease the secretarial duties formerly included in the position, volunteers will be enlisted to provide clerical assistance to church officers and committees. As the church Trustees are able to provide appropriate adjustments to complete the new entry and security issues, we will move toward a fuller volunteer staffing of receptionists. With the Horry County Library moved, the Trustees plan to make the Fifth Avenue courtyard entrance through the steeple tower the main weekday entrance. With new directional signs, and ample on-street parking, this entry will provide access to the Sanctuary and administrative offices, unhampered by stairs along the entranceway.

Cheryl's move into this new position creates a staff opening in the financial area. We are currently considering candidates for a bookkeeping position, and we hope to have that vacancy filled quickly. We also have an opening in the area of cleaning and minor repairs. The SPRC and Trustees are evaluating how we might best meet our janitorial and minor maintenance requirements.

Our staff team is becoming closer and more supportive through these additions and realignments. On behalf of the entire staff team, I thank you for your support and encouragement as we strive to serve faithfully in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And always remember, God loves you; and so do we!

Mac

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT FIRST CHURCH

## All Saints' Day

Wednesday, November 1

Remember our loved ones

## All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 5, 11:00 a.m.

Location: Sanctuary

## Spivey / Ward Circle

Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

## United Methodist Men

Monday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

## Stilley / Walsh Circle

Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Family Life Center, Big Room

## Henry / Rogers Circle

Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

## Hawes / Watts Circle

Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Lib Jones's Home

## Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Parlor

## Children's Council

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Jenny's Office

## Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 11, 2006

Remember all of our Military Personnel

## Stewardship

Sunday, November 12, 2006

## Operation Christmas Child

Monday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Church Office

Bring your filled shoeboxes to the church office.

## Giving Thanks Sunday

A Time of Worship, Fellowship and Food

Sunday, November 19, 11:00 a.m.; 2:15 p.m.

Location: Sanctuary / Fellowship Hall

This special Sunday in the life of our church will be a time of joyful celebration and thanksgiving for the blessings in our lives and in our church. We will receive commitment cards for the upcoming year on this day.

Be a part of morning worship, and afterwards join your church family for a Giving Thanks Sunday Meal in the Fellowship Hall. You don't have to bring a thing...just come!

## Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday / Friday, November 23-24

Church Office / CDC Closed

## S & S Travelers' Trip Schedule

**Trip #1**—On Thursday, November 9, we plan to leave the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m., to attend the Dickens Christmas Show and Festival at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Admission is \$7.50 per person, and we will be having lunch there also; we will return to the FLC by 3:30 p.m.

**Trip #2**—Shoppers! S&S will be leaving on Monday, November 13, at 1:30 p.m., for a shopping treat for early Christmas Shopping. The White Harvest in Pawleys Island, owned by Mary Ann Bishop and her husband, is inviting us for food and a special discounted sale from 3:00—8:00 p.m. Ike Locklair is our man there, and he says we won't be disappointed. We will return by 5:00 p.m. Men are welcome to come and watch women at their best! The White Harvest supports missions in China. Contact **Patty Taylor** at 248-4639 for additional details or questions.

**Trip #3**—On Tuesday, November 28, we will be leaving the FLC at 12:30 p.m., to attend the Alabama Theatre's Christmas Show. The tickets will be \$21.00 per person. We have 22 tickets reserved, so call **Edith Hucks** at 397-8459 ASAP to secure yours. The show runs from 2:00—4:30 p.m., so we should return to the FLC around 5:15 p.m. We will *not* be including a meal with this trip.

Join us for all three trips and get in the Christmas spirit early!

## ELSEWHERE . . .

**Conway Christian Women** will meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church for lunch from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., on Monday, November 13. RSVP requested at 248-4140 by November 9. All women are invited.

**First Baptist Ball Club** (for Christian men and women) is November 14. Cost of the lunch is \$4.00.

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**November 1**  
Ben Dusenbury

**November 2**  
Mallory Alessi

**November 3**  
Beth Hannaford

**November 4**  
Penny Davis  
Charles Lewis

**November 5**  
Frankie Hart  
Frances Hendrix  
Bonita Smalls

**November 6**  
Kelly Crenshaw

**November 7**  
Teal Britton  
John Long  
Greg Martin  
Vicki O'Brien

**November 8**  
Ted Boyd  
Chris Gohagan  
Austin Thompson  
Sylvia Thompson

**November 9**  
Anne Hale

**November 10**  
Ski Doyle  
Pres Foxworth  
Jim Grant  
Catherine Hewitt  
Dow Stanley

**November 11**  
Harriet Edwards  
Lann Huggins  
Victoria Visnich

**November 12**  
Carroll Boyd  
Chris Britton  
Rachel Townes

**November 13**  
Dale Green  
Bob Owens  
Stefanie Prince  
Jessie Rheuark  
Jean Timbes

**November 14**  
Alexander Beeson  
Anna Roberts  
Alex Von Herrmann

**November 15**  
Kalan Henry  
Priscilla McCormick

**November 17**  
Tiffany Butler  
Jack Von Deck

**November 19**  
Katherine Hardwick  
Angela Robbins  
Cynthia Turner

**November 21**  
Delores Dickerson  
Lindsey Hendrick  
Lee Long  
Mary Catherine Smith  
Math Strickland

**November 22**  
Travis Dannelly  
Ginny Hendrick  
Augusta McInvaill

**November 23**  
Richard Booth  
Rae Daniels  
Keith Mesimer  
Terry Rabon  
Jim Zantow

**November 24**  
John Clark  
Carl Harris  
Christy Lineback  
Suzanne Owens  
Kathy Stokes

**November 25**  
Billy Avant  
Cameron Louis  
Jean Trenholm  
Foxworth  
Bruce Powell  
John Tyler

**November 26**  
Alexander Holbert

**November 27**  
Floyd Goodwin  
Debbie Jenkins  
Jimmy Jones  
Brandon Wright

**November 29**  
Mary Long  
Scott Sayre

**November 30**  
Katherine Brooks

## Financial Report Year-to-Date Ending Oct. 20, 2006

### Budgeted Receipts

Operating Fund ..... \$359,896.98

### Non-Budgeted Receipts

Bryan Fund (Cemetery) ..... 211.88  
CAP ..... 1,155.25  
Capital Improvement..... 85.00  
Carillon Fund ..... 355.00  
CDC Angel Fund..... 200.00  
CDC Scholarship ..... 500.00  
Chancel Choir Fund..... 1,470.00  
Cookbooks..... 1,235.00  
Daniels' Mission Fund..... 6,463.12  
Easter Lilies ..... 673.50  
Easter Lily Child..... 717.50  
Epworth Children's Home ..... 7,775.00  
General Memorials ..... 2,292.00  
General Scholarship ..... 1,834.50  
Gideon Ministries ..... 276.00  
Good Samaritan Fund ..... 2,456.00  
Hut Bible Class ..... 2,358.50  
Hut Radio Ministry ..... 485.00  
Landscaping Fund ..... 400.00  
Lenten Offering (undesignated)..... 3,896.46  
Love Offerings ..... 2,670.00  
Miscellaneous Invoices..... 6,842.77  
Missionary Fund ..... 1,440.00  
Modeste Cox Fund ..... \$ 95.72  
Music Discretionary Fund ..... 1,942.60  
New Bus Fund ..... 8,000.00  
One Great Hour of Sharing..... 105.00  
Parsonage Modernization ..... 5,920.00  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund..... 303.00  
Red Bird Mission..... 280.00  
Salkehatchie Summer Service..... 2,450.00  
Salvation Army..... 200.00  
Souper Bowl ..... 716.00  
Special Offering ..... 408.00  
United Methodist Women..... 146.00  
World Communion ..... 39.00

**Total Non-budgeted ..... \$66,397.80**

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

# SERVING IN NOVEMBER

## ALTAR GUILD

Ashley Hood, Wendy Skipper

## ACOLYTES / CRUCIFERS

11/05 Dylan Jenkins / Chanan James  
11/12 TBA / Kyle McAda  
11/19 Skottowe Fox / Michael Brooks  
11/26 Katelyn Stegall / Maggie Harper

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/05 Dave McAda  
11/12 George Jenkins  
11/19 Donna Mishoe  
11/26 Eric Fox

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

11/05 Dow and Debbie Stanley  
11/12 Billy Joe and Irene Calhoun  
11/19 **Available**  
11/26 **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

11/05 Alicia Harper and Caroline Fox  
11/12 Ann and John Stegall  
11/19 Jan and Kent Bitting  
11/26 Sallie and William Goldfinch

## COUNTING COMMITTEE

Sunday: Robert Harper and Keith Gawith  
Monday: Libby Jones and Jeannie Dusenbury

## MEAL SCHEDULE (SUNDAY)

11/05 Mark & Sherri Woodward / Mark & Debby Brooks  
11/12 Spivey & Ashley Hood / Keith & Wendy Skipper  
11/19 Dave & Jenni McAda / John & Mary Long  
11/26 TBA

## NURSERY

**Volunteers are needed for our nursery ministry area.**

If you are interested, contact Jenny at 488-4251 or [jenny.wilburn@fumconway.org](mailto:jenny.wilburn@fumconway.org).

## SOUND TECHNICIANS

Michael Visnich / Katherine Brooks

## USHERS (SUNDAY WORSHIP)

Carl Purvis, head; Buck Cutts, Bill Howle, Ike Locklair, Steve Lookadoo, Justin Roof, Franklin Sanders, Mike Saville, Howard Smith, Phil Thompson, Pinckney Watson, Toby White

## USHERS (YOUTH)

1st and 2nd Sunday: George Henry Martin, Charles Purvis, Jimmy Clark, Sarah Hood

## VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

Dow Stanley

## Email Addresses

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## **Deadlines for Publications:**

• **December Messenger deadline is noon on Monday, November 20.**

• **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 phone or email. Information received by the deadlines noted above will be appreciated!

## MISSION AREA NEWS

### CAP (Churches Assisting People) Yard Sale

The yard sale was again a success this year, with over \$5,100 being raised in total; of that, \$962.30 was from our church's booth (Our total was \$584 last year). A big "thank you" goes to those who donated items for the sale and to Jan Gawith, Bart and Glenda Harper, Freda Jones, Janet Roche, Karlene Rudolph, Britt and Nancy Stiltner, Michael and Victoria Visnich, and Toby, Helen, and Jeanne White for helping to run our booth. They all looked wide awake, even at 5:30 in the morning! It's not too early to start setting aside items for next year's sale!

### CAP FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you to those who remember to bring food items every Sunday, not just when the grocery bags are distributed. Any non-perishable items may be donated. The items we list each month are in shortest supply at the CAP food pantry.



### CAP DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER:

Canned vegetables    cereals  
tuna fish                grape jelly

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

### Operation Christmas Child

Brochures providing details for this project (also known as the "shoebox project") were distributed in the bulletins on October 22. Additional copies of the brochure are available in the church office and in the narthex if you did not get one or if you need additional copies (one is needed for each filled shoebox). Also, there are empty shoeboxes in the church office if you need them. The deadline to have the filled and wrapped shoeboxes to the church office is Monday, November 13. Make this a family project and have fun deciding what to include in your shoebox!

(Note: Do NOT seal the shoeboxes, as they must be opened before they are sent overseas. Please put a rubber band around each box.

*Toby*

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS



Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to David Bennett and family on the death of his mother, Marge Bennett, on October 2, 2006.

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Nancy Purvis and family on the death of her mother, Opal Allen, on October 11, 2006.

Our apologies to JoEllen Hardwick and family for the misspelling of her brother's name last month. The correct spelling is Jerry Ausband.

### CAP

In memory of "**Ma**" **Bennett**, by Bob and E'Lonna Butler.

### Chancel Choir Fund

In memory of **Sam Ray** by Burroughs / Collins Circle.

### Daniels Mission—Indonesia

In memory of **Sam Ray** and **Nick Harris**, by Bill and Patty Taylor.

### General Memorials

In memory of **Jack Boatwright**, by Art and Tracy Chacknes.

In memory of **Luther H. Hickman**, by Allen and Joann Ray.

### General Scholarship

In memory of **Benjamin T. Johnson, Myrtis Thompson, Lowell Wakefield, Sara Zinman, Elmer Howell, Sam Hucks, and Jack Boatwright**, by Betty Jo Huggins.

### Gideons International

In memory of **Jack Boatwright** and **Kathy Embry's mom**, by Bill and Patty Taylor.

### Good Samaritan

In memory of **David Bennett's mom**, by Zack and Jeannie Dusenbury.

### Hut Bible Class

In memory of **Ben Johnson** by the Henry / Rogers Circle, Lauren Dusenbury.

### Red Bird Mission

In memory of **Carter Breeze** and **Lowell Wakefield**, by Bill and Patty Taylor.

### Salkehatchie

In memory of **Ben Johnson**, by Bill and Patty Taylor  
In honor of **Robert Chastain** and **our military service personnel** working so hard for our freedom, by Bill and Patty Taylor.

### Salvation Army

In memory of **Myrtis Thompson** and **David Hucks**, by Bill and Patty Taylor.

## WHAT'S GOING ON (CONT.)

### Children's Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

Jenny's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### Children Worship!

The children's 12-week study on worship is coming to a close at the end of November. Thank you for all your prayers during this course of study. Please remember that, although this course is complete, our children are still learning about worship and how to participate, and your smiles and supportive words can go a long way toward encouraging them to continue exploring worshipping God.

Thank you to Jan Gawith, Libby Saville, Debby Brooks, Cindy Harper and Dave McAda for making this wonderful program happen!!

### Youth Ski Trip

December 29-January 1

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

► ► Final Payment Deadline 11/19 ◀ ◀

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders! Bible Sunday is just around the corner, and we want to make sure that you are included in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible Sunday celebration on Sunday morning, November 12. Please visit the church web site at [www.fumcconway.org](http://www.fumcconway.org) and RSVP, or call the church office at 488-4251.

### Experience Christ by serving Him at FUMC

Here are some of the ways to serve with children and youth at FUMC:

- Quarterly Sunday School teacher
- Nursery volunteer
- MYF counselor
- Children's Church teacher/helper
- Christ's Critters (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) teacher/helper
- Z-Force (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) teacher/helper
- Retreat chaperone
- Prepare and serve Sunday night dinner for the children and youth
- Children's Council
- Youth Council
- Vacation Bible School
- Advent Adventure
- CDC homework assistance

For more information on these opportunities, please contact Jenny Wilburn at 488-4251, or email her at [jenny.wilburn@fumcconway.org](mailto:jenny.wilburn@fumcconway.org)

### 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!

### FUMC Pictorial Directories are here!

Our directories are now available in the church office. If you had your picture taken, you will receive one free directory. If you did not have your picture taken or simply desire more than one copy, additional directories will be available for \$5 each.

## THANK YOU NOTES

To Mac and all the Staff, Ministry, and People of First United Methodist Church:

I cannot find words to thank you enough for all the kindness shown to me during my tenure at FUMC.

My memories of that time are all happy ones...ones which will remain with me forever. What started as a simple call from God to help a congregation in need quickly became for me a lesson in Christian fellowship and a deep and abiding love at a time when I most needed it.

You are a uniquely loving, compassionate and faith-filled people who give so much of yourselves in the name of Christ—a truth which should be common in every Christian congregation, but, sadly, is not always so.

You will remain not only my touchstone to the love of God, but a bright and shining example for so many people in Conway and around the world.

God has blessed you with open hearts, genuine concern, and true faith. Continue to pursue your mission, and pray for me, as I will for you.

With thanks and love,  
Mark

Sincere appreciation to Kent and Jan Bitting for insuring the children had fun with the pony rides, the slide and the hayride; to members of the Christian Bible Study Class, Victory Sunday School Class and their families, the Confirmation Class, Robert Strader, and the Hut for setting up tables, receiving food and cleaning up. A special thank you to Rev. Thurman Anderson, Jr., for his message and to Ruth Anderson for the beautiful mums that dressed up our courtyard. Lastly, thank you to all who were present and for the delicious foods—no one walked away hungry. We are truly blessed by God!

Church Council

Dear FUMC Members:

Thank you for participating in the CAP Yard Sale. It is through your caring and hard work that we had a very successful sale this year. Our grand total with all of the proceeds from those participating was \$5,180.00!

This will greatly help CAP to fulfill their mission to provide food and emergency funds to families in our neighborhood in need.

Thanks again for helping CAP fulfill Jesus' instructions in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Joan Mawhinney, Grace Gifford  
CAP Yard Sale Committee

To all my church friends,

I have moved to Greensboro, NC, and will be transferring my membership to Christ United Methodist Church, where Jan Brittain (Tom's daughter) is the pastor. I hate leaving all the wonderful people here, but I have to move on. God bless all of you and thanks for the memories. Address: 524 College Rd., Unit 203B, Greensboro, NC, 27410. Phone: 336-855-9910.

Love to you all,  
Marie Ray

## UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women's Mission Team will meet at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 7, in the Family Life Center Sr. Room.

It is not too soon to put the Christmas Party on your calendar. It will be on December 12, at 12:00 noon, in the Family Life Center. We will have a money tree for missions.

### November Circle Meetings reported to the church office:

Burroughs/Collins	No information available for November		
Hawes/Watts	November 7, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Lib Jones's House
Henry/Rogers	November 6, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center Sr. Room
Lannis Jordan	No information available for November		
Spivey/Ward	November 5, 2006	3:00 p.m.	Family Life Center Sr. Room (Please bring your yearly thank offering.)
Stilley/Walsh	November 6, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center Big Room

## NEWS AND ADDITIONS

### **WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS!**

Please make them feel welcome!

#### **Jillian (Jill) Johnson**

239 Ashcraft Circle, Apt. 124  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Jill transfers her membership from Trinity UMC  
in Andrews, SC

#### **Ryan and Lane Funke**

Ryan joins by profession of faith, and Lane transfers her  
membership from Mauldin UMC.

#### **Preparatory Members:**

**Wade Williamson Britton,**  
son of Chris and Teal Britton

**Elizabeth Marie (Ellie) Funke,**  
daughter of Ryan and Lane Funke

Wade and Ellie join by baptism.

**Congratulations to Michael Arthur Timbes and Ashley Rivers Jones,** who were married on September 30, in Marietta, Georgia. Michael is the son of Jean Timbes. The couple will make their home in Charleston, SC.

**Congratulations to Eric Faulk and Elizabeth (Liz) Stanley,** who were married on October 14, in Murrells Inlet. Liz is the daughter of Dow and Debbie Stanley.

**Congratulations to Bradley Joseph Thompson and Christy Lynn Alford** on the occasion of their marriage on October 21, 2006. Brad is the son of Phillip and Cherry Thompson. The newlyweds reside at 3072 Hickory Hill Circle in Conway.