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# THE MESSENGER

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## Getting to Know You

It's been said that, "Time flies when you are having fun!" We must be having a lot of fun, because time is certainly flying. It's hard to believe that we've already been in Conway for three months. Lynda and I love being here. The warmth and unity we have experienced in the church and the gracious Southern hospitality of the city have captured our hearts. Living in such a picturesque town, with friendly neighbors and inviting sidewalks, is a great blessing. Thank you for making us feel so much "at home" so quickly.

As we are getting to know you, we find that each day brings new joy and a greater depth of appreciation of our congregation. And there are a lot of you! It is quite a challenge to get to know everyone. However, your reminding us of your names and our spending time studying the church directory are helping us to make progress in that regard. The new directory will be here soon, and that will help even more.

One of the ways I'm getting to you better is through a "Breakfast Club," organized by our Lay Leader, Robert Harper. He is inviting small groups of church members to join us for an early morning breakfast. We are inviting a variety of persons, representative of the congregation, for a time of table fellowship. This is not a decision-making setting; rather, it is a place to exchange ideas and share joys and challenges. The Breakfast Club also provides a setting for me to share my perceptions of life at FUMC Conway – my dreams and vision for our church – and to get your feedback.

So far, we've met twice, and both gatherings have been quite helpful. If you would like to join us for breakfast one morning, give Robert or me a call; and we'll be sure you are invited soon. The Breakfast Club is just one setting that I will use as an informal time of sharing. I've got other ideas percolating, so watch for other times when you might be invited to join with me and others on the church staff to share our dreams and to get to know one another a little better.

Meanwhile, do not hesitate to drop by the church office, call or email me if you have questions, ideas or concerns. And also remember, God loves you; and so do I!

Mac

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT FIRST CHURCH

**World Communion Observance**  
Sunday, October 1, 11:00 a.m.

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

**Monday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Trustees Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.**, in the Parlor.  
Please note date change.

**S & S Travelers' Weekday Trip** is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, leaving the Family Life Center at 11:00 a.m. for lunch at the new Hagood House (a bed and breakfast inn) in Aynor. We will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and then take a quick tour of the facility. We will return to the FLC by 2:00 p.m. *Please note the time and date change!*

## **Homecoming** Sunday, October 15, 2006

Please join us for lunch following the worship service. The meat will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts. Hay rides, a blow-up slide, and pony rides will be available for the children. Church Directories and Cookbooks will be available.

**S & S Travelers' Weekend Trip** is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, leaving the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. for lunch at the River Room or your choice, and then on to the Georgetown Boat Festival. We will return to the FLC by 3:00 p.m.

## **Youth Usher Training**

**Sunday, October 22, 6:00 p.m.**, in the Sanctuary

## **CDC BBQ and UMW Bake Sale**

**Friday, October 27, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
Fellowship Hall

## **FUMC Charge Conference**

**Sunday, October 29, 3:30 p.m.**  
Trinity United Methodist Church

## **Acolyte and Crucifer Training**

**Sunday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.**  
Sanctuary

**Halloween Festival at the Peanut Warehouse**  
Tuesday, October 31, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

## **YOUTH and CHILDREN'S NEWS**

### **Preschoolers live B.I.G.**

Our 3's and 4's will be learning to live B.I.G. in Sunday school starting in October! We will be helping preschoolers to live out their belief in God in fun and exciting ways. They will meet Mr. Z and his pals, Lucy and Bongo, the Bible verse bird. Each week is filled with God's love, music, singing, art, games, hands-on activities, imagination and so much more! We hope to see your preschooler this Sunday!!!

### **6th & 7th Grade Confirmation**

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

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

**Each Sunday evening**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center. No meeting on October 15, Homecoming.

### **Youth Ski Trip, Winterplace, WV**

December 29, 2006 – January 1, 2007

7th-12th graders join us on the slopes and ring in the New Year with your youth group! \$330 (everything included)

Sign-up by Sunday, October 15 ? ?

\$100 must be paid at sign-up; scholarships available  
Remaining balance due November 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Youth Usher Training**

Sunday, October 22, 6 p.m., in the sanctuary.

### **Halloween Festival at the Peanut Warehouse**

Tuesday, October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Add a new tradition to your family's Halloween night!**

Drop in at the Peanut Warehouse in downtown Conway before or after trick-or-treating to have a fun and an exciting time playing games, winning candy and enjoying time with other families from the community.

**FUMC Conway shirts** will be available soon! Details will be posted on boards. Look for order forms. All proceeds from sales will benefit our youth ministry.

Jenny Wilburn @ 488-4251 [or jenny.wilburn@fumcconway.org](mailto: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](http://www.FUMCconway.org)

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**October 1**

Rebecca Godwin  
Katherine Lamp  
Lavon Singleton  
Lynn Stevens

**October 3**

Betty Collier  
Ann Lea Moseley  
Rita Wenzel  
Conner Woodle

**October 4**

Heather Cannon  
Beverly Carpenter  
John Cherry  
Richard Jordan

**October 5**

Robert Griffin  
Sadie Rae Hutchinson  
Irby Koon

**October 6**

Ben Anderson  
Val Dunham  
Brad Frye  
Jack Land  
Evan Von Herrmann  
John Zwack

**October 7**

Dot Bruorton  
Jack Mehl  
Kristyn Spera

**October 8**

Lauren Baxter  
Glenda Harper  
Philip Thompson  
Sharon Thompson

**October 9**

Devon Edwards  
Spivey Hood

**October 10**

Gary Lebiedz  
Emilee Mayers  
Meredith Neal  
Suzanne Preda  
Bobby Rabon  
Lella Faye Sanders  
Pinckney Watson, Jr.

**October 11**

Danny Clonts  
Lee Hickman

**October 12**

Will Bitting  
Mack Carroll  
Amy Lovell Jenkins  
Mary Ashley Martin

**October 13**

Cameron Hardee  
Joshua Holt  
Joann Ray  
Sylvia Watts

**October 14**

Ashley Drew  
James Spera  
Bobby Sunday

**October 15**

Patti Butler  
Kristi Baucom

**October 16**

Kathy Embrey  
Birdie Proctor

**October 17**

Julie Filyaw  
Kelly Kindt

**October 18**

Sherrie Partin  
Bradley Rankin

**October 19**

Michael Lee  
Laura Rush  
Tiffany Sanders  
Maryann Spera  
Bob Sunday

**October 20**

Fredia Bryant  
Jim Davis  
Caroline Fox  
Zachary Poster

**October 21**

Dena McGinn

**October 22**

Jan Bitting  
Betty Floyd  
Ellen Sturges  
Chris Wright

**October 23**

Billy Joe Calhoun  
Daniel Edmonds

**October 24**

Christian Cox  
Carl Purvis

**October 26**

Beth Hagwood  
Taylor Hardwick  
Donna Lebiedz  
Joy Schroeder  
Warren Wiegand

**October 27**

Betty Calhoun  
John Caskey  
Jeff Mishoe

**October 28**

Jay Caskey

**October 29**

Sue McLeod  
Michael Morris

**October 30**

Melanie Bennett  
Janet Cannon

**October 31**

Anita Goldfinch  
Matthew Howell

## Financial Report Year-to-Date Ending Sep. 18, 2006

**Budgeted Receipts**

Operating Fund ..... \$337,947.90

**Non-Budgeted Receipts**

Bryan Fund (Cemetery)..... 211.88  
CAP ..... 1,125.25  
Carillon Fund..... 355.00  
CDC Angel Fund..... 200.00  
CDC Scholarship..... 500.00  
Chancel Choir Fund..... 1,460.00  
Cookbooks..... 1,155.00  
Daniels' Mission Fund..... 6,023.12  
Easter Lilies ..... 673.50  
Easter Lily Child..... 717.50  
Epworth Children's Home ..... 7,564.00  
General Memorials..... 2,217.00  
General Scholarship..... 1,709.50  
Gideon Ministries ..... 76.00  
Good Samaritan Fund..... 2,156.00  
Hut Bible Class ..... 2,268.50  
Hut Radio Ministry..... 485.00  
Landscaping Fund..... 400.00  
Lenten Offering (undesignated)..... 3,896.46  
Love Offerings..... 2,670.00  
Miscellaneous Invoices ..... 5,416.77  
Missionary Fund..... 1,440.00  
Modeste Cox Fund..... \$ 95.72  
Music Discretionary Fund..... 1,750.34  
New Bus Fund ..... 8,000.00  
One Great Hour of Sharing..... 105.00  
Parsonage Modernization ..... 3,250.00  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund ..... 303.00  
Red Bird Mission..... 80.00  
Salkehatchie Summer Service ..... 2,250.00  
Souper Bowl..... 716.00  
Special Offering ..... 408.00  
United Methodist Women ..... 146.00

**Total Non-budgeted ..... \$58,824.54**

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

# SERVING IN OCTOBER

## ALTAR GUILD

Jeannie Dusenbury, Janet Martin, Nancy Stiltner

## ACOLYTES / CRUCIFERS

10/01 Katelyn Stegall / Maggie Harper  
10/08 Kyle McAda / Dylan Jenkins  
10/15 Chanan James / Michael Brooks  
10/22 Skottowe Fox / Matthew Woodward  
10/29 Maggie Harper / Katelyn Stegall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/01 Eric Fox  
10/08 Teal Britton  
10/15 TBA  
10/22 Blake Martin  
10/29 Dave McAda

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

10/01 Adrienne Jennings  
10/08 Irby Koon  
10/15 Genair and Sadie Rae Hutchinson  
10/22 Kent Biting  
10/29 Sylvia Avant

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

10/01 Franklin and Tiffany Sanders  
10/08 Maryanne and Anne Marie Martin  
10/15 Phil and Penny Davis  
10/22 Charles and Kathy Hucks / Amy Hickman  
10/29 Kimberly Inabinet and Janet Martin

## COUNTING COMMITTEE

Sunday: Jill Watts and Robert Harper  
Monday Counters: Maxine Dunn and  
Margaret Thompson

## MEAL SCHEDULE (SUNDAY)

10/01 Tammy Steiner / Morgan and Sonya Morgan  
10/08 Carl and Nancy Purvis / Ken and Cathy Senn  
10/15 Homecoming—No evening meal  
10/22 Dave and Jenni McAda / John and Mary Long  
10/29 Josh and Pam Copeland / Robert and Cindy Harper

## NURSERY

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

If you are interested, contact Jenny at 488-4251 or  
jenny.wilburn@fumcconway.org.

## SOUND TECHNICIANS

Delan Stevens and Kenn Senn

## USHERS (COMMUNION)

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

## USHERS (SUNDAY WORSHIP)

Jim Ward, head; Bob Butler, Benjamin Creel, Myron  
Dunn, Brad Govan, Spivey Hood, Jeff Mishoe, Doug  
Roof, Ben Smith, John Steen, Charles Timbes

## VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

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### **Deadlines for Publications:**

• **November Messenger deadline is  
noon on Monday, October 16.**

• **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 PROJECT

“PAPER 4 U & PENCILS 2”

Thank you to all who donated items or cash for this year's project. In addition to the actual school supplies, \$230 in cash was donated, which was used to purchase calculators, 3-ring binders, and other needed items. A thank-you note was received from Help 4 Kids as follows:

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous amount of school supplies. It really means a lot to the children of “Help 4 Kids.” We do appreciate your support and help.

Sincerely,

*Help 4 Kids*

### CAP (Churches Assisting People) YARD SALE

Details of the yard sale, held on September 30, will be available in next month's *Messenger*.



### 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 OCTOBER:

Canned vegetables, cereals, diapers for adults

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

### Operation Christmas Child

Our church will again be participating this year in “Operation Christmas Child” or the “Shoebbox Project.” Brochures will be provided in the near future, detailing the types of items recommended to be included in your shoebox. The deadline to have the wrapped shoeboxes to the church will be Monday, November 13. Begin now collecting your shoeboxes.

*Toby*

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS



Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to James Bruorton on the death of his brother, Lloyd Bruorton.

Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to JoEllen Hardwick and family on the death of her brother, Jerry Osbourne.

### Chancel Choir Fund

In memory of **Sam Ray** by Cobb and Ruth Bell, George and Amy Lovell Jenkins, Wesley and Ruth Starnes, Jack and Janet Von Deck.

### Epworth Children's Home

In honor of **Rev. Ben Barnett, Rev. Tom Brittain, Rev. Carl Harris, Rev. John Hipp, Rev. Mac Kinnett, Rev. Reuben Marlowe, Rev. Steve Shugart, Rev. Regi Thackston**, by Robert and Cindy Harper

### Good Samaritan Fund

In memory of **Elmer Howell** by Don and Sara Whetstone.

### Henry-Rogers Circle

In honor of **Barbara Rogers' 85th birthday** by Mary Ellen Scarborough.

### Hut Bible Class

In memory of **Ben Johnson** by Carolyn Bundy, Robert and E'Lonna Butler, Zack and Jeannie Dusenbury, George and Amy Lovell Jenkins, Brent and Brenda Kidd, Dick and Wanda Kleine, Michael and Mary Marino, Corky and Rena Thrasher.

In memory of **Sam Ray** by Dick and Wanda Kleine, Corky and Rena Thrasher.

In memory of **Leon Cannon** by Lavon and Betty Singleton.

In honor of **Dick and Wanda Kleine's 50th wedding anniversary** by Don and Naomi Bredfeldt and Margaret Keffer.

## WHAT'S GOING ON (CONT.)

### **Child Development Center (CDC):**

The after-school class of the CDC has had a wonderful time with Mrs. Edith Hucks, who has volunteered to help with homework. Everyone looks forward to her coming in the afternoons.

Our Lemonade Social was a great success. We had many grandparents join us during our afternoon snack time. We look forward to hosting this event next year.

The CDC is hosting a BBQ fundraiser on October 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed the day of the event to help prepare plates. If you would like to help or wish to purchase BBQ tickets, please contact Chris in the CDC office at 488-9800.

### **Harvest Tables**

The Trustees have replaced 24 folding tables in the Fellowship Hall with new lighter tables at a cost of \$45.00 each. Twelve tables were in need of replacement, and twelve will be kept on hand for outdoor use (this will save us from renting tables for Harvest Sunday, Homecoming and other events).

If you wish to make a donation toward this purchase, please mention "Harvest Table" on your offering envelope and designate your intended offering.

### **God's Great Bounty**

If you have been wondering if there are still FUMC cookbooks 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!

### **Lay Speaking School**

Area: Georgetown, SC  
Dates: October 8, 15, 22  
Times: 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.  
Church: TBA

### **Computer Classes**

Self-paced instruction for general computer use is available. Contact the Adult Education at the Conway Education Center at 488-6200 for details.

### **Community Events**

**Trinity UMC Yard Sale**, Saturday, October 7, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

**Indigo Farm Fall Festival**, Saturday, October 7. Call 399-6902 for additional info.

**Westminster Presbyterian** has lunch for \$4 for Conway Christian Women, Monday, October 9, 11:30 a.m. Call 248-4140 for reservations by Oct. 5.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship to help further my education. I am enjoying my freshman year at Coastal. I appreciate the role FUMC has played in my Christian life.

Thanks,  
Mary McKellar Purvis

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful pink rose to honor the birth of Anna Claire. We praise God for her healthy delivery.

In His Love,  
Justin and Amanda Roof

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to me and my family during my recovery from surgery. I know that I am blessed through your prayers and strengthened by your encouraging words.

In His Hands,  
Janet Martin

Dear Church Family,

We, the Johnson Family, would like to express our appreciation for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity that you showed us during our recent loss of our father and husband. The visits, phone calls, cards, food and, most of all, your prayers are what got us through this very difficult time. Ben was impressed with your outreach during his illness, as well as we were. Let us extend our appreciation and heartfelt thanks,

Sincerely,  
Laura Kirk, Vicki, Matt and Chris Johnson

To all our Church Family,

Words cannot express how loving and caring all of you have been during this tragedy in my life. I will always be so grateful to all of you who comforted me, prayed for me, sent cards, flowers and food. It was all overwhelming to me and my family.

Sam was the love of my life, and I will miss him greatly, but I have to move on. So I have decided to move to Greensboro, NC, to live near my daughter and four wonderful grandchildren. I hope if any of you are ever in that area, you will call me. I can always be reached at 336-855-9910. I have bought a condo and, when I get that address, I will let the church know.

I have found a new church, and the senior pastor is Jan Brittain, Tom's daughter; and the church is just around the corner from where my daughter lives. I will be starting a grief counseling group there also.

God Bless All of You,  
Marie Ray and family

## UMW NEWS



### *From the Desk of the UMW Acting President*

Make sure you have reserved Friday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for the BAKE SALE that the women are planning in conjunction with the Child Development Center BBQ. We hope that everyone will plan to buy a special baked item that day. The UMW also removes all calories from their delicious goodies! (maybe)

The Annual Meeting for the Marion District UMW will be held at St. Paul UMC in Pawleys Island on October 7. Anyone interested in going, please contact Paula Youngs, 347-0474 or rabphy@sccoast.net Several ladies are already planning to go, and we hope more will join us. Registration is \$5.00 and Lunch is \$7.00. We will be leaving the FLC parking lot at 8:45 a.m.

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.

To all women who experience freedom through Jesus Christ,

Faithfully,

Paula Youngs

#### **October Circle Meetings provided by UMW Mission Team:**

|                   |                  |            |                                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Burroughs/Collins | October 3, 2006  | 10:00 a.m. | Family Life Center Sr. Room      |
| Hawes/Watts       | October 3, 2006  | 10:00 a.m. | Family Life Center, Jr. High Rm. |
| Henry/Rogers      | October 2, 2006  | 7:00 p.m.  | Family Life Center Sr. Room      |
| Lannis Jordan     | October 11, 2006 | 7:00 p.m.  | Location to be announced         |
| Spivey/Ward       | October 1, 2006  | 3:00 p.m.  | Family Life Center Sr. Room      |
| Stilley/Walsh     | October 2, 2006  | 7:00 p.m.  | Sue Howle's Home                 |

## NEWS AND ADDITIONS

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** transferring from the Community UMC in Virginia Beach, VA. Please make them feel welcome!

**John Reuben Long, II and Mary Hill Long**  
Children: **Reuben, Caroline and Virginia**  
1503 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 340-8567

**Congratulations to Robert (Bobby) Sunday and Traci Lynn Gerald** on the occasion of their marriage on September 16, 2006. The newlyweds reside at 425 Myrtle Greens Drive, Apt. F, Conway, SC 29526.

**It's a Girl!** Justin and Amanda Roof announce the birth of their daughter, **Anna Claire**, on September 8, 2006, at 10:53 a.m. At birth, Anna Claire weighed 5 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Doug and Anne Roof, and great-grandmother is Lib Jones.

**It's a Girl!** Matthew and Danielle Lebiecz announce the birth of their daughter, **Myleigh Elizabeth**, on September 14, 2006, in Syracuse, NY. Proud grandmother is Donna Lebiecz.

*“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!”*

Dear FUMC Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I would like to extend to you my warmest thanks and appreciation for the generosity and many kindnesses you have shown in welcoming me into your church family. I am looking forward to many years of helping to make great things happen at FUMC.

As we are preparing, planning, and entering into new creations and new beginnings, I would like for you to think about how you personally fit into the life at FUMC. There are many different opportunities for participation, all of which will increase your service, as well as your spiritual growth and development. As you begin to explore the many opportunities at FUMC, I urge you to consider prayerfully the music department and your possible role in this ministry. Regardless of your musical training, there are many different facets of the program in which you and your family can participate.

FUMC has a wonderful heritage of music and has always been a solid force for worship in this community; this is something that we want to continue and increase in the future. On behalf of the Music Department, I would like to extend to each of you a personal invitation to consider participating in one of the many music programs at FUMC. As we begin to ‘think outside the box,’ please prayerfully consider all of the many opportunities that await you for service, fellowship, and spiritual development.

In Christ,

Josh Dumbleton, Director of Music

*Acolyte and Crucifer Guild Training*

Dear Parents of Children and Youth,

The offices of acolyte and crucifer are a vital part of worship, and they provide an opportunity for children and youth to develop spiritually and to learn about the different elements of Methodist corporate worship.

In the Methodist Church, the office of acolyte has traditionally been reserved for children in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, while the office of crucifer traditionally has been reserved for young people in middle school through high school. Over the years, FUMC has had to make some adjustments and modifications to this tradition.

However, as our church continues to grow, we would like to return to the more traditional ages; and we ask that parents discuss and pray with their children about this ministry and consider whether this is something in which their children, of the above-mentioned ages, would like to participate.

**On Sunday, October 29, at 5 p.m., in the Sanctuary,** we will be holding an Acolyte and Crucifer Guild training session for children and youth interested in this area of ministry. We hope to see a good representation of our children and youth at this training session, and we look forward to working with them to develop this ministry at FUMC.

Sincerely,

Hunter Jenkins, Coordinator of Acolyte and Crucifer Guild  
Ann Stegall  
Josh Dumbleton