

Serving This Sunday June 13

Altar Guild: Helen White, Jo Ann Smith, Pam Frye

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Alicia Harper and Hunter Jenkins

(Monday): Amy Hickman and Sallie Goldfinch

Sound Technician: Delan Stevens and Charles Hucks

Ushers: Hunter Jenkins, Head Usher; Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper,

Charles Dusenbury, Jimmy Hammond, Andy Hendrick,

Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Lavon Singleton,

Matthew Schlaefer.

Nursery Volunteers: Alice Nelson, Emily Steiner, Ansley Key,

Heyward Key, Anna Levy

Acolyte/Crucifer: Skottowe Fox, Corbin Jenkins

Children's Church: Katelyn and Ann Stegall

Evening Service (Hut): Mr. Blake Martin

Serving Next Sunday June 20

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Matthew Schlaefer.

Nursery Volunteers: Elizabeth Senn, Missy Hayes, Christie Edwards,

Jill Watts, Debbie Brooks

Acolyte/Crucifer: Julia Brooks, Dylan Jenkins

Children's Church: Nate and Alice Nelson

Evening Service (Hut): Josh Blackwelder

Known Congregational Concerns

Hospitals: CMC: Doug Roof, Sylvia Avant; **GSH:** Carmen Smith

Assisted Living Facilities:

Emeritus: Ruth Anderson, **Sumter:** Ruth Land; **Laurinburg, NC:**

Carolyn Cox, **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; Betty Floyd;

Agape Senior Living: Gladys Alexander

At Home: Gail Fanshaw, Diane Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Frankie

Hart, Paul Gladson, Shirley Harris, Tommy Jordan, Dale James,

Dena McGinn, Irene Calhoun, Gene Grace Holbert, Gene Parker,

Wallace Singleton, Ruth Thomas.

This Week at First Church

Sunday, June 13

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Study / Broadcast 100.9 FM

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

7:00 p.m. YTTB Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Experiment Youth Bible Study / FLC

Monday, June 14

8:00 p.m. College/Career Bible Study / FLC

Tuesday, June 15

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Parlor

12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, June 16

10:00 a.m. Nursery at Play: Newborn- Pre-K / Nursery

6:00 p.m. Anderson Prayer Group / FLC

7:00 p.m. High School Guys Bible Study / FLC

7:00 p.m. High School Girls Bible Study / FLC

Friday, June 18

7:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study / FLC

12:00 p.m. **Newsletter Deadline**

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Jeremiah – by Dr. James Howell

Jeremiah (meaning "May the Lord lift him up") was born around 645 B.C. in the small town of Anathoth, 3 miles northeast of Jerusalem. While still a "youth" (early teenage years?), Jeremiah was called to be a prophet (1:4-12). Notice that his preaching task was "to pluck up and break down, to build and to plant." We might prefer God's spokesmen simply build and plant – but the hint here is that before God can build and plant in our lives there must be some plucking up and breaking down! In chapters 2-4 Jeremiah offers a stinging critique of Israel's bogus religious life that is barely skin deep, and utterly lackadaisical in concern for the needy. But this is no mere tongue-lashing. Jeremiah's repeated plea is "Repent!" The Hebrew word underlying "Repent!" is SHUB (pronounced "shoov"), which means to make a 180 degree turn. We're going the wrong way!!!

Chapters 7, 26 and 36 narrate dramatic moments when Jeremiah stood up to a throng gathered in Jerusalem and, much as Jesus did when he cleansed the temple, denounced their pretend-religion. This kind of preaching landed him in jail. He was hunted, mocked, persecuted – and came personally to wish that he were dead. His poignant prayers in 15:10-21, 17:14-18, and 20:7-18 are startling in their boldness. The most fascinating example is 12:1-5. Jeremiah asks the perennially tough question "Why does the way of the wicked prosper?" But he's not just asking intellectually. He's asking because he's tried to be righteous but is suffering.

And God answers his prayer! But what kind of answer is this? "If you have raced with men on foot and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses?" God is saying, in effect, that things will not get any easier, but harder! Before we pray to God to ease our plight, we might be careful – for on many occasions in the Bible, God uses that moment to call us into an even harder predicament!

The disaster Jeremiah foretold strikes. Jerusalem is destroyed; its citizens marched off to live in exile in Babylon. But there is not a single "I told you so" from Jeremiah. Instead, his tone shifts to a luminous hope, beautifully spoken in chapters 31-32, eagerly anticipating the day when "I (God) will turn their mourning into joy, when I will remember their sin no more."

CAP Food Needs for June

All non-perishable items are needed,
Especially cereal, peanut butter and jelly.

In the Life of Our Church

Welcome

FUMC welcomes Brian Monroe as our organist this morning. Brian is Director of Sales and Marketing for the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and is a substitute organist in the area. Billy Fallaw is at the South Carolina Annual Conference serving as organist.

Charge Conference

Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hut, the purpose of the conference is to approve financing and specifications of Phase 1.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Duncan and Carmen Smith on the birth of their baby boy, Duncan Fitzpatrick. "Fitz" was born Tuesday, June 8.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to our visiting prophet Jonah, Bud Hale, who so graciously gave of his talent!

Delegates to Annual Conference

Wilmarie Boatwright, Britt Stiltner and Charles Dusenbury are at the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church serving as delegates from FUMC. Floyd and Louise Goodwin are attending as our alternates. In addition, Will Fallaw is serving as a Youth Delegate to the conference representing the Marion District.

Great All American Cook-Out

Sunday, June 27 immediately following Worship in the FLC will be our church family summer fellowship! Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins! Don't miss it! \$5/person or \$15/family

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are needed for most of the month of July. Please sign up for a Sunday.

Nursery at Play!

Wednesdays, June 16 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Ages newborn-Pre-K, this will be a time for the young children to play together while learning about serving God. There will be interactive Bible lessons followed by music time. Children will learn to love one another while building their social skills.

Kindergarten-5th Grades

June 23, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. A special time of visitation with the residents at Agape Senior Facility; our children will make and deliver encouragement cards to the center. They'll have an opportunity to sing too!

The Kingdom Experiment

Co/Ed Bible Study for all youth beginning today at 7:00 p.m. *The Kingdom Experiment* is a challenge to live this kingdom intentionally. It won't be easy. And it may get uncomfortable. But, if you commit to live what a carpenter started 2000 years ago, you too will experience the kingdom of which He spoke.

The Book of Nehemiah

A Bible study for High School boys: Wednesdays, beginning June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC. See Neal for more information!

College and Career

Bible study for college and career age groups: Mondays beginning June 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the FLC.

For High School Girls

Rebecca Harper will be leading a Bible study entitled *Lady in Waiting* by Jackie Kendal, beginning June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC. When you're single, waiting for Mr. Right can be one of the most difficult situations you face. With humor, honesty, and biblical truths, this study will help you fill the time by becoming the right woman while you wait for the right man. By studying the biblical character Ruth, you'll learn the valuable characteristics that every young woman of God should develop. Please sign up today!

Jr. High Youth! Sign Up Quick!

Wednesday, June 30: A Pelicans Game with a Suite! The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Plan to leave the church at 5:30 p.m. Limited seating. First come, first serve, sign up today—see Neal or Josh!

Carowinds: July 22

Attention Jr. and Sr. High Youth! Don't miss this cool day trip to Carowinds. Tickets are \$31 and the money must be in by July 8. Transportation will be provided. Plan to leave early that morning and return later that night. Times: TBA.

FUMC Children

The Children's Ministry of FUMC wishes to recognize the awards received by our children on Awards Day at their schools. Please contact the church office by June 22 so that your child's award may be published in the July newsletter.

Reverend Quay Adams

The Reverend Quay Adams, Marion District Superintendent is retiring. The Committee on the District Superintendency invites you to participate in a monetary gift as a way of thanking and honoring Quay and his family for their service. Our church will be contributing to this gift. If you would like to contribute, please mark your gift clearly and place in the offering plate.

Year Through the Bible

June 13	Jeremiah 1-2
June 14	Jeremiah 3-6
June 15	Jeremiah 7-10
June 16	Jeremiah 11-15
June 17	Jeremiah 16-20
June 18	Jeremiah 21-25
June 19	Jeremiah 26-30

Birthdays This Week

June 13:	Freda Jones
June 14:	Faye Perrault
June 15:	Philip Thompson
June 16:	Jose Holbert, Eric Fox
June 18:	Ashley Hood

Attendance

Sunday School	168
Morning Worship	230
Hut	19

Stewardship Report

Operating Fund	16,202.16
General Scholarship	50.00
Music Scholarship	25.00
Chancel Choir Fund	100.00
Good Samaritan	10.00
CAP	50.00
Epworth	1300.00
Salkehatchie Summer Service	50.00
Daniels Missionary Fund	100.00
Shepherd's Table	50.00
FUMC Building Fund	9,925.00
Total	27,862.16