

Serving This Sunday, October 2

Altar Guild: Janet Martin, Sharon Schlaefer, Jill Watts
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Bill Foxworth, Delan Stevens
(Monday): Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks
Ushers: Jim Ward (Head Usher), Bob Butler, Philip Davis, Spivey Hood, Jeff Mishoe, Doug Roof, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Charles Timbes,
Nursery Volunteers: Jill Nelson, Courtney Hardee, Allison Dudley, Michael Brooks, Emily Steiner
UMYF Meal: Tammy Steiner, Pat Jordan
Sunday Night Children's Program: Neal Hendrick
Children's Church: Children remain in Worship
Evening Service (Hut): Reverend Mac Kinnett

Serving Next Sunday, October 9

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Ushers: Jim Ward (Head Usher), Bob Butler, Philip Davis, Spivey Hood, Jeff Mishoe, Doug Roof, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Charles Timbes,
Nursery Volunteers: Anna Levy, Alice Nelson, Mattie Hucks, Mary McKeller Purvis, Ali Thompson,
UMYF Meal: No UMYF-Student Holiday
Children's Program: Student Holiday
Children's Church: Matt and Sharon Schlaefer

Known Congregational Concerns

Hospitals:

Assisted Living Facilities:

MedStar: Billy Avant; **Kingston:** Ruth Anderson; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Agape Senior Living:** Gwen Mishoe, Gladys Alexander, Clara Conlogue; **Laurinburg, NC:** Carolyn Cox; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield

At Home: Faye Perrault, Jane Gore, Mildred Jones, Charles Dusenbury, Catherine Causey, Billy and Sylvia Avant, Diane Rodwell, Wallace Singleton, Tootsie Atkins, Frankie Hart, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Gene Grace Holbert, Ruth Thomas.

This Week at First Church

Sunday, October 2

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
4:30 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Youth Orchestra / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Children's Program / FLC
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, October 3

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting / 2nd Floor Gathering Area
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC-Senior Room

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC-Senior Room
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, October 5

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / FLC
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room
6:15 p.m. Revelation Bible Study / FLC-Senior Room
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Thursday, October 6

3:00 p.m. Grief Support Group / FLC Senior Room

Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men / FLC
11:00 a.m. Oktoberfest / Courtyard

FUMC Staff

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You may leave your bulletin in the pew and our ushers will recycle it.



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Some Really Strange Stuff

As we've read further into Revelation, the symbols become increasingly bizarre, sometimes to the point of distraction. It is easy to miss the message if one focuses too closely on these symbols. In his book, "Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation," Dr. Bruce Metzger gives some helpful advice:

"We must remember that the objects and events seen in a vision are not physically real. As mentioned earlier, Ezekiel's vision of the valley of the dry bones (Ez. 37) and Peter's vision of a great sheet let down from heaven and filled with all kinds of unclean creatures (Acts 10) were perceived in a trance. So too, in the book of Revelation, the descriptions are not descriptions of real occurrences, but of symbols of the real occurrences. The intention is to fix the reader's thought, not upon the symbol, but upon the idea that the symbolic language is designed to convey."

Certainly Revelation has symbols and descriptions that seem strange to us, however, if you really think about it, perhaps the strangest thing we find in Revelation is the generosity of God's grace and the depth of God's redeeming love and mercy. Revelation tells about many people who get what they deserve, but it also tells about many people who do not get what they deserve. If we dwell too long on that which frightens us, we may miss the remarkable ways God provides for those who are faithful.



Sunday Night Children's Program

5:30 in the Family Life Center!

The fun and fellowship continues tonight at 5:30 at the Family Life Center, beginning with supper and followed by a mission project with the older youth. If your child is in 3-6th grade and would like to participate, join us at 5:30!!

UMYF

UMYF continues in the FLC at 5:30. Tonight we will continue our mission: The Playground. Over the next couple of weeks our high school youth will be donating their time and efforts to cleaning and reclaiming our playground space.

October Outreach Projects

Gently Used Coats and Shoes for Help4Kids (thru Oct. 10).

Small Toys for Operation Christmas Child.

Please leave donations on the designated table in the First Floor Commons Area.

CAP Food Needs for October

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce

High School Youth Bible Study

Monday Evenings

7:00 p.m. in Room 217

In our high school bible study we will be focusing our conversations around William Young's, *The Shack*. We will enjoy reading Young's story, and clarifying some of the issues that he brings up in his best-seller. I hope that you'll join us!

Wednesday Evening at FUMC

Dinner: 5:30p.m. at the FLC

Menu: Homemade chili with cornbread, salad bar and dessert.

Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m.
Handbell Room

Bible Study
6:15 p.m.
Historical Interlude
FLC

Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Girls of Grace Fall Fun Fest

What: Fall fun at the Jenkins Farm

Who: FUMC girls age kindergarten thru 5th grade

When: Sunday, Oct. 16th

Meet at FLC at 1:30 p.m. to ride bus - return at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Jenkins Family Farm - **Cost:** \$4 each

Bring: A new pair of socks to donate to Fostering Hope plus a PUMPKIN to paint

RSVP: Absolutely required for all so that transportation can be arranged. RSVP to Neal no later than Thurs. Oct. 13

Announcements

United Methodist Men

The UMM will be meeting on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the FLC. Menu: Eggs, grits, bacon, biscuits. All Methodist men are invited to bring a guest!

Oktoberfest!

FUMC will present in concert The North Myrtle Beach Community Band, Bert Owen, Conductor, in the church's courtyard from 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8. Food will be provided by the United Methodist Women as a mission fundraiser. Bring family, friends, lawn chairs and enjoy good food, a beautiful courtyard and fun big band music. This is a free concert.

iWorship with Clint Thomas: Sunday, October 9

For Junior and Senior High students. This is a Ground Zero event being held at Christ UMC on Sunday, October 9. The church bus will leave the FLC at 5:00 p.m. Please see or call Kathy Hucks for more information (365-7889).

Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Retreat

A rehearsal/play day-retreat is planned for Saturday, October 22 for the Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs. We'll rehearse from 10:00-11:30 a.m., eat pizza for lunch at the church, and then go bowling together. We'll be through by 2:00 p.m. It will be a fun-filled time together as a group.

Carolina Master Chorale

The Carolina Master Chorale will perform its season opener in Conway on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m. at FUMC. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online at the group's website: carolinamasterchorale.com

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are needed for October 30. Please take a moment to reserve the date.

Raleigh Ringers: Premier Performance

The Raleigh Ringers, a touring, professional handbell choir will present its premier performance in Conway at FUMC on Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, October 10 through the church office (488-4251). Tickets are general seating and are \$15 for church members and \$20 for the general public. Raleigh Ringers concerts sell-out quickly once advertised. www.rr.org

Happy Birthday!

October 4: Richard Jordan, Heather Cannon

October 5: Sadie Rae Hutchinson, Irby Koon

October 6: Val Dunham, Jillian Schlaefer

October 8: Glenda Harper, Lauren Baxter

October 9: Spivey Hood

Attendance

Sunday School	130
Morning Worship	193
Evening Service	20
Wednesday Evening	56

Stewardship Report

Operating	4,710.75
Epworth	20.00
Sub Total	4,730.75
Building Fund	635.00
Total	5,366.75

Budget Needs to Date:	406,143.09
Budget Receipts to Date:	308,548.99
Budget Deficit:	97,594.10

Outreach Donations

Gently Used Shoes	45
Gently Used Coats/Sweaters	29