



Food Drive

A Friendly Competition!
Through November 30



Who's your favorite?
USC or Clemson?

Be sure your team wins the food drive by bringing in canned foods to fill the designated team-decorated boxes in the Narthex & Commons!



Score Board

Clemson: 168 USC: 169



Help4Kids Snack Paks Collection

Vienna Sausage & Beanie Weenies

CAP Food Items needed this week

Cereals, Jelly, and Mac & Cheese

Food stamp recipients will be facing a 20% reduction in funds. As a result, CAP patrons will be in need now more than ever. Please be mindful of the extra hardship of those in the Conway community when you make your weekly purchases.

Support our church for **FREE** while shopping online! Just sign up to the church's new fund-raising program www.UMCmarket.org which has been approved by the UMC Global Ministries. A percentage of your shopping will be donated to our church. Go to **UMCmarket** and become a member!

Prayer Concerns

Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; Conway Manor: Edith Lewis; Kingston: Ruth Coy; Colfax, NC: Carolyn Cox; Cornelius, NC: Helen Wakefield; Mt. Prospect, IL: Faye Perrault

At Home: Jane Gore, Wallace Singleton, Bobbie Tyler, Genair Hutchinson, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Frankie Hart, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

An Overwhelming Abundance

How do we define enough? Most of us tend to think if we just had a little bit more we'd be okay. The message of "just a little bit more" shows that most of us live with a theology of scarcity. We may not express it in religious terms, but our default is to see the limited nature of resources out there and figure out how we can get our slice of pie. It is the cup half empty syndrome.

God calls us to a different kind of stewardship—where grace is not limited but infinite. All things belong to God. God will never look down upon us saying, "Wow, I just gave everything away." To Jesus, a meager offering was actually more than enough to accomplish a miracle. In the story of the fives loaves and two fish, the disciples were concerned that they didn't have enough. Jesus took what they had and multiplied it. Perhaps the true miracle was that people's hearts turned from theology of scarcity to a theology of abundance. When they saw the young boy step up with the fives loaves and two fish, unselfishly, the crowd felt compelled to let go of what they had been holding back for themselves just in case there wasn't enough food! They learned that God will provide more than we need if we are willing to risk sharing what we do have, even when it seems like "not enough".

The truth in the story is that Jesus multiplies what is faithfully given, when nothing is held back because we're worried about having enough. As we reflect upon the many saints who have gone before us and unselfishly gave towards the future, our present, may we too understand the theology of abundance. On this Homecoming Sunday, may we celebrate our rich and diverse history. The gifts of all leave a strong foundation, and may we allow God to open our hearts to a theology of abundance in this season of giving not only for our present, but for the future!

Excerpts taken from "First, putting God first in living and giving". Mike Slaughter 2012.

Altar flowers are needed. Please take a moment and sign up for a Sunday. Altar flowers are not a budgeted item. They are gifts to the church by those who sign up.

Serving Next Sunday, November 17

Altar Guild: Ashley Hood, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Margaret Ann Vaught

Acolytes and Crucifer: Jade Edwards, Samuel Hickman, Jacob Johnson

Liturgist: Tim Whitten

Counting Committee:

(Sunday) George Martin, William Goldfinch

(Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson

Trustee Duty: Ernie Turnes

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

Ushers: Carl Purvis (Chairman), Mike Thomas (Co-Chairman) Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Toby White.

Children's Church: Mark and Jenny Chanaca

A very important planning meeting for all those who are involved in the **Lay Leadership for 2014**. **Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC**, this will be a brief meeting to go over some of the plans/opportunities/responsibilities in the coming year. Please make arrangements to attend. Contact Blake Martin with any questions. (843) 331-2819



For those who **did not** order pictures from LifeTouch, your free 8x10 is available to pick up. Please go to the designated location in the **First Floor Commons**.

Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the FLC Senior Room: "Coffee Talk, Come Fill Your Cup!" Great time of discussion and study! See Tim Whitten for more information!



Trunk or Treat was a huge success! Over 300+ children and adults came or participated and had lots of fun! Thank you to all who donated candy or who came with decorated trunks, tailgates or tractors! Great outreach to the community.

Wonderful Wednesday This Week's Menu

Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans,
Rolls, Salad Bar and Dessert.
\$5/pp \$15/per family \$5/To Go Box

Art Show in the Commons

The Art Show in the Commons during November will be hand-made quilts crafted by **Sue Dusenbury, Jo Anna Fallaw, Mary Ellen Scarborough, and Jan Kyzer**. The show is sponsored by the music ministry at FUMC to showcase creations by visual artists within our church. Anyone interested in showing original art work may contact the church office to be put on the calendar.

THE REQUIEM performance on November 1 was **digitally recorded** in our sanctuary and will be made available for 10.00 per compact disc through the church office.



Special Thank you: Dear Rev. Randle, Please convey to all involved in the presentation of the Rutter's Requiem and the other concerts how much I enjoyed the service.

The soloist's voice is better than Collegium Singers CD. Indeed the entire rendition is of a professional level.

Your music program provides great joy to the people of Conway and beyond! Thank you, Barbara C. Whitley

You are invited: Autumn to Advent Organ and Piano Recital given by Roberta Rowland-Raybold on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Conway.

Advent Candlelight Concerts will be offered at FUMC on Sunday, December 1, 8, and 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Performers will be members of Long Bay Symphony. Free events.



Birthdays This Week

November 10: Catherine Hewitt, Pres Foxworth
November 11: Harriet Edwards
November 13: Bob Owens, Jean Timbes, Dale Green
November 14: Alex Von Herrman
November 17: Jonas Randle



Special Birthday Wishes to Ms. Frankie Hart for her 103 Birthday on November 5! Ms. Frankie is the oldest living member of FUMC!

Congratulations to John and Leah Thibodeau who were united in Christian marriage on Saturday, November 9 here at FUMC amongst family and friends.



Advent Bible Study

Beginning, **Wednesday November 13 at 6:30**, join us for a 5 week journey "Walking the Road to Bethlehem" as we prepare for the upcoming Christmas season. The study/discussion will take place in the John McCutcheon classroom on the lower level of the Education Wing. Please see Rev. Kyle for more details.

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:30 and Friday 8:30-12:30



First View

FUMC's Homecoming

Join the celebration of FUMC's Homecoming beginning with a special morning worship and followed by a **covered dish meal** in Fellowship Hall. Let us make this a great day of celebration in the life of FUMC!



Looking for a way to connect with and serve God's people? Want to get involved being the hands and feet of Jesus? Have a gift you can share?

Join us in the **Commons**

Area today after church for an informational session on a variety of mission opportunities for the whole congregation—from right here in Conway to far across the globe (El Salvador, Liberia, Alabama Rural Missions). Whether you're just nosy or you're ready to pack a bag, come join Rev. Kyle and Tim to find out more information.



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