



First United Methodist Church • Clover, SC

THE FIRST EDITION

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Mission:

We, the congregation, in humble and selfless service to God, will go forth joyfully, empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to seek out, welcome, accept, and nurture persons to become faithful and effective disciples for Jesus Christ.



Some Thoughts on Reformation Day – October 31st

October 31st – that date makes us think about small children dressing up and going door to door for treats and of skeletons and pumpkins, but it is also a very important day in the history of the church. October 31st is the eve of All Saints Day which was a very important religious festival in the church in medieval times. It was also the day that marks the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It was 502 years ago on October 31st 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the wall of the church at Whittenburg Castle. In these 95 theses Martin Luther challenged the status quo of the church. Luther was eventually excommunicated and the church now known as the Lutheran church began. Luther opposed the sale of indulgences and championed the use of the language of the people instead of Latin in worship. Perhaps in the midst of Halloween decorations and activities this fall we can remember the sacrifices of Luther and other reformers that have led to the way we worship God today. Perhaps it can lead us to reform our lives and the world around us so that others can glorify God too!

Christ-O-Lanterns

A Christian Halloween Alternative

Christ-O-Lanterns were born in Canada. It started off when the pastor of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church in Belleville, Ontario used a pumpkin with a cross carved in it for his children's sermon on shining the light. He then gave out 50 pumpkins for the children to cut crosses out of and put a light in to shine the light on All Hallow's Eve (All Saints Eve). In this way they attempted to transform Halloween from a night of ghouls and goblins into a night of light and crosses.

Carving a Christ-O-Lantern can be an object lesson in discipleship. Take a pumpkin and say, "We are going to pretend that this pumpkin is like our hearts. Jesus wants to put his love in our hearts so that we can shine his light. For Jesus to put his light in our hearts we first have to open our hearts." Then cut the top of the pumpkin off.

Once you have done this the children will see the insides of the pumpkin and someone will say "Yuck!" then tell the children that this is what our hearts must look like to God. Our hearts are often filled with sin so Jesus cleans the sin out of our lives. You can get the children talking about the sins that Jesus might clean from their lives. Then talk about forgiveness.



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Next you can remind them that Jesus wants to put his light in our hearts so that we can shine it for all to see but that something else has to be done to the pumpkin before a light can shine. We have to change it so that the light can get out. That is like how God changes us through the gifts of his Spirit so that we can shine the light. You might ask for suggestions on what shapes you might carve in the pumpkin to shine Jesus' light. These can include a cross, a heart, a star or any other shape that symbolizes God's love.

To the children this will not be a Jack-O-Lantern. It will be a symbol of the light of Christ and a lesson on how we can shine God's light in our world.

See you in church,
Alex

- Let's Get Real -

Is reality a bummer?

Has virtual reality lost its glimmer?

Then why not try *ultimate reality*?

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

So call on Jesus and let him upgrade your reality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All Saints Banner

November 1 is all Saints Day. On the Sunday after Nov. 1st we will be remembering those members of First United Methodist Church who have gone from the church militant on earth and join the church triumphant in Heaven. We will remember each of them by lighting a candle and ringing a bell in the service.

There are many saints in our world that are honored on All Saints Day. A saint in the Biblical sense is any Christian. We all have saints in our lives that modeled the Christian life for us or who actively discipled us as follower of Jesus. We honor them as well. In addition to the candles remembering the church members who have passed since our last All Saints Day, we will also have an All Saints Banner. This banner will be available a few Sundays before All Saints Sunday for people to place bells on. The idea is that each of these bells represents a saint in our lives. Perhaps a loved one that has passed this year or simply someone who was a saint in our lives and has gone to heaven. There will also be a pad with the banner. Please write the name of the person you are remembering by placing the bell on the banner and a list of those names will be printed in the bulletin as an insert.

Bishop Holston's Day with the Rock Hill District

Our Bishop, Rev. Jonathan Holston, will be at St. John's UMC in Rock Hill on Sunday Oct. 13th from 2:30-5:00. The Theme of the event is "Becoming a Good Neighbor." Bishop Holston will be preaching and there will be seminars on Becoming a Good Neighbor.

Schedule:

2:30 Check-in

2:45 Keynote from Bishop Holston

4:00 Workshops

Workshops:

- "BECOMING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY"
- "BECOMING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: THE XYZ'S OF GENERATION Z"
- "BECOMING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH ANOTHER"
- "BECOMING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: CONNECTING WITH OLDER ADULTS"
- "BECOMING A GOOD NEIGHBOR: CARING FOR THOSE WHO ARE HURTING"

Bible Study of John

Rev. Alex Stevenson will teach a Bible study of the book of John beginning Tuesday, September 10th. Each Tuesday morning until Nov. 19th we will be working our way through the Gospel according to John. John is the most unique of the four gospels. It gives a moving and inspiring account of the Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and offers unique insights into the meaning of the Gospel. Please join us Tuesdays at 10 am. Our classes in October will be:

- Oct. 1: John 6-7 - Bread of Life & Living Water
- Oct. 8: John 8-9 - Set Free, the Blind See
- Oct. 15: John 10-11 – The Good Shepherd & Lazarus
- Oct. 22: John 12-13 – Anointing and John's Love Chapter
- Oct. 29: John 14-15 – Orphans & Vines

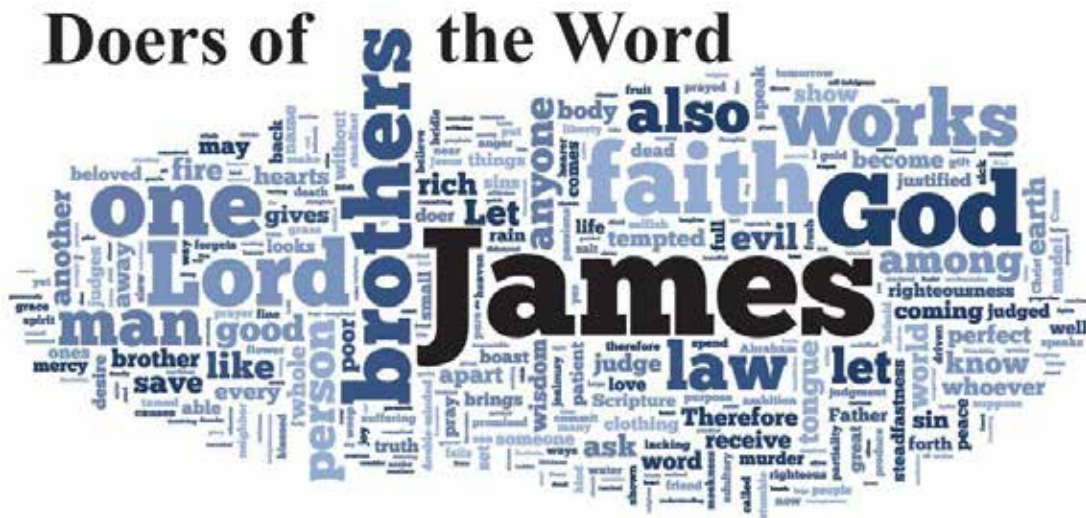
Upcoming Sermons for Traditional Services

- Oct. 6: Psalm 137 "How to Sing in Troubled Times"
- Oct. 13: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 "Resident Aliens"
- Oct. 20: Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Written in Blood!"
- Oct. 27: Kathy Pryor, Lay Associate

Sermon Series for Genesis: Doers of the Word

This month we will continue the "Doers of the Word" sermon series that goes through the book of James. Much of the New Testament focuses on the fact that we are saved by grace through faith and not by our works. James however focuses on works. Not as a way to be saved, but as a way to live out the new life we have by a free gift of grace. James tells us that "faith without works is dead." It tells us to be "doers of the word and not hearers only." How can we as people who have received new life through Jesus Christ by the grace of God, live out that new life? James seeks to answer that question. During these three months we will work our way through the book of James gleaning it for the answer. These remaining sermons are:

- October 13: "Doers of the Word: Speech" James 3:1-12 - Lynn Shore Hollis
 - October 27: "Doers of the Word: Wisdom" James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a - Alex Stevenson
 - November 10: "Doers of the Word: Patience" James 5:7-10 Kathy Pryor
 - November 24: "Doers of the Word: Prayer" James 5:13-20 - Alex Stevenson
- Please plan to attend each of these Sundays and invite others to join you.



Forever Young & Friends



FOREVER YOUNG & FRIENDS MEETING ON OCTOBER 24

The Forever Young & Friends (FY&F) will meet Thursday, October 24, 2019 in room 104 at 10:30. We have a very busy time ahead. Your input is very important. We will be discussing how to use our Yard Sale profits to meet a need/needs of the church, upcoming events, & ideas for activities in 2020. After the meeting we will have a covered dish lunch (meat will be provided) & our Adult Fall Festival. Plan to attend for great food & fun activities.

FOREVER YOUNG TRIP ABINGDON, VA TRIP NOVEMBER 5-7, 2019

We are leaving the church at 7:00am on Tuesday, November 5.

If you are riding the bus or following the bus please be at the church ready to go.

We have a full day on Tuesday: a guided visit to the Historical Shot Tower, lunch at Emory & Henry College, check-in at the Martha Washington Inn, & attending a play at the Barter Theatre in the evening.

There is some "on your own time" too.

A full trip agenda & directions will be available soon.



ADULT FALL FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS FOOD & LOTS OF FUN! AND MAYBE WIN A PRIZE!

We will begin with a covered dish lunch about 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a covered dish to share. The meat will be provided.

There will be fun fall activities like a cake/prize walk, guess the how many "in the jar, a fall craft, BINGO, etc.

We will do a reverse Trick or Treat by giving canned or other needed items to the Food Project.

Please bring a food item to donate.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

YORK/CLOVER UNITED METHODIST CLUSTER SENIOR RECOGNITION DINNER Saturday, October 19, 2019 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at Mount Vernon UMC, Hickory Grove, SC.

It is a wonderful time of fellowship, food & fun. This is a free event.

The bus will leave the church at 3:30 pm.

Sign the sheet on the "sign-up table" if you plan to go.



Esther Circle will meet on Monday October 14 at 10:00 in the Steve Camp Classroom at FUM Church. We will have a short program as we will remain afterwards to clean our share of the kitchen ie. pantry, warmers and refrigerators. UMW is having the Wed.night meal and Wesley Center meal in October. We will need helpers for both of these events. Come and join us if you are a Circle-less woman. We would love to see you and hope you will love us back. Call Windy Bartee if you need more information or a ride. 803-222-7533.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We LOVE our college students and military students! We need all higher education and military students addresses. A Campus Ministries monthly newsletter will be mailed to your student. This newsletter will be full of scriptural praise, funny stories, photos of what is going on around our church, etc. We will also be mailing cards from time to time. Please make sure we have your son or daughter's correct address. You can contact Candy McCain with your information.
2. Lay Servant Ministry Training, October 19, 20, 2019 at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Indian Land, SC. LSM is suited to equip United Methodist laity to work in partnership with clergy and laity to create transforming congregations. Some of the classes this fall include United Methodist Policy, Opening Ourselves to Grace and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. It is not too late to sign up! Please see Ray Reavis, Rita. Beamguard or Kathy Pryor for more information.
3. Your Nurture Committee is in full swing blessing our precious people who are home bound, in nursing homes or assisted living homes. Ashley Gordon, leader, and her team work tirelessly to bring smiles and encouragement to each special person! Starting in October you will see the nurture bags in the hallway downstairs. These bags will be available to fill for a few weeks. You can put candy and other treasures in each bag. They will be taken to our Nurture people sometime in November. Thank you in advance for contributing. Should you desire to be a part of the Nurture Committee or have questions about our Nurture Ministry, please contact Ashley Gordon, awashamgordon@bellsouth.net.



MESSIAH CHRISTMAS This month Chancel Choir will be busy preparing for our Messiah Christmas program on December 15th! We will have a Saturday rehearsal and lunch on October 26th from 9-12. Thanks to Denise Bono for helping coordinate the lunch and to Becky Vaughn for organizing the music! If you would like to sing with us for the Christmas Season, we invite you to join us. Rehearsals are at 6:45 on Wednesdays in the choir room

CHOIR MUSIC WEEKEND Some members of our chancel choir will be enjoying the Autumn colors as well as wonderful time of worship and learning at Lake Junaluska on October 18th-20th. We spend the weekend preparing and performing 8 anthems along with other church choirs, to bring back to our home churches. A wonderful time of singing and fellowship!

HANDBELLS Handbells are a fun way to be a part of the FUMC music program. We currently meet on Wednesday's at 5:30 across from the choir room. If you are interested in ringing, we would love to have you come give it a try!



Tweens Oct 2019 Event



What: Carolina Raptor Center & Raptor Trail

(birds of prey - hawks, eagles, vultures, condors, etc.)
Keeper Talk 2:00pm, Tour 3pm

When: Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019

Time: 12 pm meet at church (after 11 am service), bring quick lunch to eat in M&F, return to church @ 5:30

Where: 6000 Sample Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078

Cost: \$8/person plus spending money (optional)

Church will pay \$4 towards admission for Tweens

WELCOME TO



**BIG -Believers in God (K-2nd grade),
Lil' BIG (PreK-under), &
Tweens (3-5th graders)**

**Every Wednesday
(Interactive Bible Story, Life Application, Music, Games)**

6:30-7:30 pm

**Come early for dinner with our church family starting at 5:45 or
come just a little early (6:15) to get some play time**

OCTOBER BIG/TWEENS SCHEDULE

- Oct. 9 Interactive Bible Story: Jesus Walks on Water
- Oct. 13 **Sunday**- Tweens Trip to Carolina Raptor Center, Huntersville
- Oct. 16 Interactive Bible Story: Jesus Feeds the 5,000
- Oct. 23 Interactive Bible Story: Jesus Calms the Storm;
Mission Night – Veterans Thank You Projects
- Oct. 30 Interactive Bible Story: Daniel and the Lion's Den
- Oct. 31 **Halloween – Thursday**-
Light Up the Night Fall Festival 6:30-
8:30

Upcoming Wednesdays:
Nov & Dec will be Christmas Pageant Play practices
during Wed. BIG.



Veterans Projects at FUMC Clover

Thank you for your donations of yarn, fabric and sewing supplies for our Veteran quilts and afghans.

Remember you can send donations to the Veterans Quilt/Afghan project by dropping a check in the offering plate or turning it in to the church office. Please mark on the memo line of your check that it needs to go to the Veterans Quilt/Afghan project. We have more lap quilts to be blessed during an upcoming service. One of Peggy's quilts was presented to an Army soldier being deployed to Kuwait.

He took his quilt with him to Kuwait. Television news cameras captured his quilt rolled into a bed roll and attached to his backpack as he boarded for deployment. His three children sleep with their own quilts each night to remember Dad as he is deployed. Know that this project has touched many lives as we share the quilts with DORN VA Hospital Warrior Walk, retired Veterans in the area and our deployed military.

Thank you for your generous support!



Cathy Norman and Renee Gallien have spearheaded a new Veterans project. The soldier mentioned above is part of the 4th Battalion Company B 118th Regiment Army National Guard. We will have a fundraiser with the Wonderful Wednesday night meal on October 9th to raise money for care packages to be sent to this Unit for Christmas.

Join us for a meal of lasagna, salad and bread and give generously to help support these soldiers and their families during their deployment. We will be providing a table at Wednesday night meals with supplies for notes and cards to be sent in these care packages. Stop by and write a few notes or make a homemade card for a soldier.

Donations made to support the 118th can be dropped in the offering plate or at the church office. Please put in the memo line 118th Regiment Support. **Thank a Veteran today!**

RECYCLING

On Sept. 22nd the Administrative Council voted to suspend all Recycling at FUMC until further notice. If you or if you know someone who would like to be responsible for the recycling at FUMC let Administrative Council Chairperson - Sange Ammons know (sange22169@gmail.com).

It was such a comfort to us for all the visits, prayers, memorials, gifts and food during Dean's illness and death. Special thank-you's to Alex, Kathy and Lynn for their visits during this time. We appreciated Nanette for her music contribution to the service. Bereavement Teams 7 and 8 prepared lunch for the family that was delicious. All of this made our sad journey easier and we are forever grateful to be part of such a caring Church Family.

With love and thanks, The White Family



Those Who Serve

October 2019

8:30 _____

Doug Baysinger (Head)
John Harding
Tom Bowman
Kathy Hayes

11:00 _____

Scott Deal (Head)
Lee Keller
?
?



8:30 _____

LOBBY:
Jean-Jmarie Guin
ELEVATOR:
Janet Harding

11:00 _____

LOBBY:
Paige Deal
ELEVATOR:
Terri Keller



8:30

10:50/11:00

10/06 Lindee Dover
Hope Long

Tommy Burton
Evelyn Cameron

10/13 Sarah Dover
Hope Long

Missy Whitley
Jeannine Wyatt

10/20 Susan Killian
Hope Long

Jackie Abernathy
Kim Eleazer

10/27 Evelyn Cameron
Hope Long

Becky Jackson
Kelly Nellums



1st Sunday

Jackie Abernathy, Maggie Amrhein

2nd Sunday

Renee Farris, Candy McCain



11:00 SERVICE

October 6 Geoff Dubiski
October 13 Bob Grindle

October 20 Emma Scott Livingston
October 27 Lofton Livingston

Crucifer and Acolyte Schedule

8:30 Service

Oct 6 Crucifer: Mel Smith
Acolyte: Jon McClain Beamguard

Oct 13 Crucifer: Mel Smith
Acolyte: Clara Dover

Oct 20 Crucifer: Mel Smith
Acolytes: Mallory Dover, Clara Dover

Oct 27 Crucifer: Mel Smith
Acolyte: Rachel Reavis

11:00 Service

Crucifer: Adam Allen
Acolytes: Emma Amrhein, Rachel Reavis

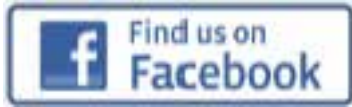
Crucifer: Alan Livingston
Acolytes: Lofton Livingston, Nate Bell

Crucifer: Alan Abernathy
Acolytes: Blair Abernathy, RaeLyn Abernathy

Crucifer: Dee Wise
Acolytes: Katie Wise, Tyler Wise

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**HAVE A
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OCTOBER!**

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Clover FUMC Annual Calendar, Contacts, Holidays in United States

Oct 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Forever Young - Yard Sale - MFC & Kitchen						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2pm - Janet Love @ MFC 5pm - Twelve Women of	9:30am - Staff Meeting - 6:30pm - Scouts - Rm 104, 7pm - Stewardship	10am - John Bible Study - 7pm - Martha Circle 7pm - Rebekah Circle	6:30am - Men's Prayer 5:45pm - Dinner 6:30pm - BIG 6:30pm - Youth Fellowship 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Steven Ministry - Rm		6:30am - Boy Scouts - Bus - Extravaganza
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
12pm - BIG & Tweens - 12:15pm - UMW General 5pm - Twelve Women of	Church Office Closed Columbus Day (regional) 10am - Esther Circle - 104 6:30pm - Scouts - Rm 104,	10am - John Bible Study -	6:30am - Men's Prayer 5:45pm - Dinner 6:30pm - BIG 6:30pm - Youth Fellowship 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm - Finance 7pm - Steven Ministry - Rm	Choir Music Weekend - Lake Junaluska 8:30am - Food Distribution 2pm - Senior Dinner	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Choir Music Weekend - 2pm - York-Clover Cluster - 4pm - Trustees - 104 5pm - Twelve Women of 6pm - UMM - MFC	9:30am - Staff Meeting - 6:30pm - Scouts - Rm 104,	10am - John Bible Study -	6:30am - Men's Prayer 5:45pm - Dinner 6:30pm - BIG 6:30pm - Youth Fellowship 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	8am - Forever Young - Rm 7pm - Steven Ministry - Rm		9am - Cheri - MFC/KITCHEN
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
5pm - Twelve Women of 6pm - Admin Council	6:30pm - Scouts - Rm 104,	10am - John Bible Study -	6:30am - Men's Prayer 5:45pm - Dinner 6:30pm - BIG 6:30pm - Youth Fellowship 6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	Halloween		

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Caleigh Dover	2 William Shearer David Shearer Anniversaries: Lee & Mark Jackson Tom & Janice Meyer	3 Brandy Bell	4 Anniversaries: Susan & Bryan Killian	5 Rebecca Adams Howard Julian Cargill	6 Tyler Green Billy McCain
7 Marie Baker Hannah Gordon James Yoder Jim Keener Anniversary: William & Bill Stewart	8 Rylan Farris Marisa Stewart	9 Jeremy Childers	10 Kelly Hughes	11 Marie Caldararo Corrie Holiday Charlee Salter Jessica Taylor Charlee Salter Anniversaries: Francine & Geoff Dubiski	12 Francine Dubiski Joseph Miller Meredith McDaniel Anniversary: Mitch & Ashley Barr	13 Maddie Bono Anniversary: Mike & Alma Jewell
14 Anniversary: Jonathan & Rita Beaanguard	15	16 Jim Heckle Isaac Vess Anniversaries: Bob & Ann Grindle Don & Sandy Robinson	17 Renee Gallien	18 Brandon Bartee Anniversaries: Susan & Joseph Miller	19	20 Katie Ford Richard Schriefer
21	22 Sandra Brandon Amanda Robinson Madeline Keller	23	24 Ann Shearer	25 Banks Payne Janice Meyer Ben Devine	26 Wyatt McDaniel	27
28 Marian Smith	29 Todd Hughes	30 Marshall Caldwell	31 Doug Baysinger Joyce Shores			