

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2013

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THE PRELUDE "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" Veni Creator Spiritus

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Prayer is a wonderful source of strength. But sometimes we become discouraged because we feel God does not hear us.

People: We know God answers prayer in many ways. But some prayers do not seem to get through to God, and we give up.

Pastor: Then our faith needs to be strengthened to believe that, with persistent prayer, God will hear and answer.

People: We want to learn to pray with that kind of confidence and persistence, that God may know we do have faith in his love and providence.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "The Lily of the Valley" TFWS #2062

THE GOOD NEWS FOR CHILDREN Lorrie Mottesheard

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Jackson
THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

JOYS & CONCERNS

THE MORNING PRAYER *(followed by the Lord's Prayer, UMH # 895)*

ANTHEM "From Living Stones" Joseph Martin

SCRIPTURE Luke 18: 9-14 - Lectionary: Proper 24

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We believe in prayer, Father, but sometimes we pray only half-heartedly, doubtful that you will do anything about our request. Forgive us for our shallow faith which hinders our communion with you. Give us determination in our prayers, that, convinced of your love, our whole being will be involved in our petitions. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MESSAGE "Overheard Prayer" Pastor Paul

THE SENDING HYMN "Grace Alone" TFWS#2162

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign" Halton

What Is Happening This Week at First Church

<u>SUN:</u>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12:15 PM	CE committee meeting in Library
	4:30 PM	Women's Bible Study in Library
	5:30 PM	UM Youth in youth room
	5:30 PM	Vision Team meeting in social hall
<u>MON:</u>	5:30 PM	Zumba Class in social hall
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts in scout room
<u>TUES:</u>	9:00 AM	Floor cleaning in social hall
	5:30 PM	Zumba class in youth room
	6:45 PM	Cubs in scout room
<u>WED:</u>	5:30 - 7:00 PM	WOW! For Children in social hall
	5:30 PM	UM Youth
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir rehearsal
<u>THUR:</u>	5:30 PM	Zumba class in social hall
	6:00 PM	TOPS
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Trunk/Treat on church parking lot
<u>SAT:</u>	9:00 AM	UM Men meet in social hall
	11:00 AM	UMW Spectacular Cookie Sale in social hall
<u>SUN:</u>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	4:30 PM	Women's Bible Study in Library
	5:30 PM	UM Youth in youth room

United Methodist Men will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, in the social hall. The program: "A spiritual Assessment." There will be refreshments. Come -- and bring a guest!

UMW Spectacular Cookie Sale!!! On Saturday, November 2, in the social hall from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., we will have cookies, cookies and more cookies!!! We will have a wide variety of cookies for your tasting and eating pleasure. Cookies will be 50 cents each or \$5.00 for a dozen, mix and match!! We will have containers so come and enjoy some surprise food and buy some cookies!! Invite your friends, family and help the church budget.

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 3 - If you would like to have a family member or friend who has passed away remembered on All Saints Sunday, please call the church office at 304-744-3211 by Wednesday, October 30, with the name.

We are starting our Christmas Food Basket collection. Please see insert in your bulletin for the food items needed. You can bring your items to the church at any time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Oct. 27: Edna Moore (Sunbridge, Room 206); Ann Eckard (Sweetbrier, Room 201); Jean Burgess (Valley Health Center, room 215B); Anne McConihay (Edgewood Summit, room 308); Lolly Rose; Charles Jordan & family (Becky Lilly's uncle); Beverly Neff; Lee and Barbara Harvey (St. Francis); Jerry Kirkhart (General); Linda Buxton (Carolyn Smith's daughter); Marie Tatterson; Uldine Roberts (Neda Warwick's friend); Ruth Goldsmith; Madge Canterbury; Kerry "Butch" Rhodes (Donna Haynes' brother); Jessica Harper (Karen Johnston's niece); Jason Frye; Sandra Maynard (Sharen Sumpter Deitz's friends); Tom & Sue Hall, Emma Kate Marmen (Dawn Wells' friends)

We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks. If you would like to have them kept on, please call the church office.

Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Verna & Leslie Evans and my brother, Jimmy Evans, by Joan Leslie Evans Bissett and Larry Bissett.

Our sincere sympathy to Betty Neely and family in the death of Scott Neely who died on Sunday, October 20 and service was held at First Church on Wednesday.

Sincere sympathy to Barney and Becky Lilly in the death of Becky's aunt, Elizabeth Jordan, who died on Wednesday, October 23.

There are open dates for Altar flowers for Dec. 29, January 5, 19, February 2, and 16. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for any of these dates, please call the church office (304-744-3211). The cost is \$20.00.

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon A covered dish luncheon will be held after Worship Service on Sunday, November 10, in the social hall. We will invite some of the homeless veterans to be our guests at this lunch. Bring a large dish of your favorite food and join our First Church Family as we remember and honor our Military Veterans!!!

Canned Food Drive for Heart and Hand Employees of the So. Charleston Public Works Dept. are conducting a canned food drive for Heart & Hand, The United Methodist Church's outreach ministry. Residents are urged to hang bags of canned goods and non-perishable food items on their door or front porch. City employees will collect the donations each Wednesday on the residents' regularly scheduled garbage and recycling pickup day through November 15. Also, collection sites have been set up at the So. Charleston Community Center, 601 Jefferson Rd; the City's Public Works Office, 1103 Jefferson Rd; City Hall, at the corner of 4th Ave. & D Street; at all So. Charleston Fire Department locations, at the Police Department on 4th Ave.; and at the So. Charleston Public Library on 4th Ave. Residents also may call the department at 304-744-5532 and city employees will pick up donations.

If you would like to order Chai Tea, order blanks are available in the Narthex. Cost is \$4.00 for a packet making eight servings.

Upper Rooms for November and December are available in Narthex bookrack.

Birthday and Anniversary list for November and December are available in Narthex bookrack.

Christian Education Needs! - Lorrie Mottesheard

Thank you so much for all the donations of paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Please continue to save your paper towel and toilet paper rolls to use for a project on a Snow Day.

Continue to save your empty ink/toner cartridges and turn into the church office! We are able to receive coupon savings on future purchases by turning in the cartridges to Staples/Office Max.

What Does The Finance Committee Do?

Copies of minutes from the September 16 Finance Committee meeting are in the bookrack in the Narthex.

We received a check from Kroger's in the amount of \$\$275.00 in October, for the groceries and gas charged on cards we issued. We have received a total of \$17,522.72 since we began participating in the program. All proceeds go to the church's budget. To participate in this fundraiser, which does not cost you or the church a cent, please see Andrew Byrd.

Help Fund the Roof: We are still turning in metal for the roof fund, but please no non-aluminum cans. To date, \$722.83 has been collected in recyclable. If you can donate any metal materials, leave them in the container labeled Roof in the entry to the Social Hall. For pickup of large metal items, call Art Altman at 304-766-6369.

Roof loan balance as of September 30, 2013	\$ 22,664.29
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Offerings received last week	\$ 3,816.75	A Portion Meant for God	
Offering needed each week	6,257.79	FUMC 2013 Fair Share Commitment	\$68,642.43
Month to date offering rec.	17,761.84	FUMC Paid YTD	27,320.98
Amount needed month to date	18,773.37	Remaining for 2013	41,321.45
Monthly balance	-1,011.53		
Received for World Communion	310.00		

Our church vision is "To praise God, To serve God, To Bring Others to God". Please pick up one of the purple bags labeled "**From Our Home to Yours**" located on the Narthex table outside the sanctuary. Fill it with a treat, today's church bulletin, Upper Room and/or an invitation to a friend inviting them to join us for our next church service or event.



Coffee Fellowship

Greetings to our visitors and members, please sign the pew pads located at the end of each pew. If you are a visitor, please list your address and phone number on the registration pad. There is coffee and Welcome Folders in order that you may get to know our activities and missions located in the Narthex. We hope you enjoy your fellowship and will share the message this week with others. May we grow in our fellowship together praising God for our precious life, obtaining forgiveness through Jesus Christ and words shared through the Holy Spirit. Thank you for sharing your time in fellowship with us today and hope you will return soon.

The Ministry of Worship

The Ushers: Jim Snyder, Barney Lilly, Harold Swisher, Bob Nester, Carl Childress, Danny Murphy, George Russell, Larry Wolfe, Roy Fultineer, Spencer Fultineer, Bob Judge and Rick Johnston

The Acolytes: Wesley and Cody Buckley

The Pastor: Rev. Paul Helmick, OP

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The Director of Music: Gena Ryan

The Organist: William Holbrook

Christian Education Director: Lorrie Mottesheard

Volunteers for WOW on Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Kitchen: Sue Warden and Jeri Whitten

Floor: Bud and Cyndi Anderson

Administrative Assistant: Linda Nehr

Deadline for submitting items for Sunday Worship bulletin is **noon on Wednesday**.

Custodian: Janice Pauley

Tape Ministry: Don Ryan, Gary Good, and Ed King

Nursery/Toddler: (*For infants through age 3*) Volunteers: George Hohmann and Holly Murphy

Tellers Counting Today: Cyndi Anderson and Michael Warwick

Tellers Counting on Sunday, November 3, 2013, Jerry Gieseke and George Russell

The Ministers: You, the members and friends of First Church

Let us hear from you!
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