

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve

“35 for 35” CAMPAIGN — Our Methodist Family Center is 35 years old! What a wealth of ministry this building has offered our church and community! However, the building is showing its age, and you can help by giving a \$35 donation (or \$350 or \$3,500) in honor of the 35th anniversary. Mark your check and/or envelope “35 for 35” Campaign. All you can do will help the ministry of the Methodist Family Center move toward another 35 years.

VBS STAFF MEETING — Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All workers are asked to attend. Others interested in helping are also welcome!

THE ENERGETICS — Thursday, 11 a.m. in the Conference Room, where meetings will be held for the summer months.

SUMMER CHANCEL CHOIR — begins next Sunday. Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse the Sunday anthem.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — June 27-30 (Monday-Thursday). The *Shake It Up Café* will be held each morning. **Needed:** clear, plastic bottles with lids; donations of Kool-Aid and cookies. Donations can be placed on the desk outside the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT — Learning to give “happily to God” is our theme this year. For our mission project, we will be collecting and donating food to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Canned goods and non-perishable items may be deposited in boxes placed throughout the church building. Thank you!

SALKEHATCHIE — Camp Pee Dee will be July 3-10. We are the host church, and we will be responsible for the meal on Sunday, July 3. Every member is asked to contribute either food or money. First UMC always responds to this mission outreach in a great way. Let’s keep it up!

CHILDREN’S CHURCH — will resume on August 28. Thank you to those who have served in our trial period. More leaders are needed for the fall session. Contact Beth Hepler.

ALTAR FLOWERS — are needed for: **June** 19, 26, **July** 17, 31. Please call or email the church office to reserve a date. All 2011 open dates are posted on the church website (accessed from Church News page), or may be viewed on the calendar in the office.

Participating in Worship Today

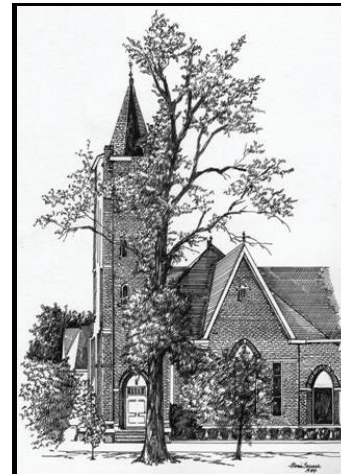
Crucifer—Lawren Black; **Acolyte**—Mary Jo Black;

Ushers—Tommy Bostick, John H. Moody, Ken Stuart, Tommy Bostick Jr.;

Nursery—Brandy Deal, Beth Hepler (SS and Worship);

Greeters—The Billy Raley Class; **Altar Guild**—Ann, Ariel and Hailey Moody

Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor..... RESIDENT BISHOP	Joann Hart	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	
Rev. Dickie Knight	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Rev. J. Leon Newton	RETIRED UMC MINISTER
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First United Methodist Church
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Pentecost Sunday

June 12, 2011

*He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit
and with
fire.*



Luke 3:16

The Church In Worship

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

Please sign the attendance folder and pass it down the pew for each person to sign. As the folder is returned, note the names of others in your pew. Extend a welcome to our guests!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chorale Prelude on “Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit”

The opening voluntary is as a veil between our everyday life and this sacred hour of worship.

Please be silent in this time and prepare your hearts for worship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit comes as a violent wind,

filling this place of worship.

The Spirit comes as tongues of fire,

resting on those gathered here.

The Spirit comes, and we are transformed.

Jew and Greek, slave and free,

all are welcome to drink of one Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill us; fill this place; inhabit our lives; bless our worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 545

AURELIA

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(The words in boldface print will be sung. The hymn is number 393 in our hymnal.)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Gracious God, Source of the Spirit, forgive us for doubting Your goodness when you work in ways we do not understand.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Loving Christ, Wellspring of the Spirit, forgive us for failing to follow Your example of compassion and service.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Holy Spirit, Living Water, forgive us for misusing Your gifts when we focus more on ourselves than on others.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God declares, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ... and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Know with confidence that, by God’s grace, you are forgiven and renewed.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer in unison

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

arr. Bill Ehrke

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(TEXT BY THOMAS KEN, 1674; MUSIC ATTRIBUTED TO LOUIS BOURGEOIS, 1551)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 332

BEALOTH

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 11: 24-30, pg. 125 OT

THE ANTHEM

“I Will Sing with the Spirit”

John Rutter

The Chancel Choir; Sue Skipper, Soprano

THE MESSAGE

“Spirit Powered”

Rev. Dr. Gafford

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 420

TRENTHAM

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Pentecostal Power”

OLD-TIME POWER

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

arr. Herbert Colvin

“Head of the Church Triumphant”

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

We welcome all who worship with us today! Whether you are a member of this congregation, or a visitor, you are not meant to be a stranger. Let us extend a hand of friendship to one another. Please join us in worship any time you are able.

The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, celebrating when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). Today’s worship service celebrates this festival day. The opening voluntary is one of the great 18 “Leipzig” chorale preludes composed by Bach during his last decade of work. In the first stanza, the melody is in the soprano, and the third beat of each set is accented as a symbolic gesture of the Holy Spirit, third person of the Trinity. In the second stanza the melody is in the pedals, and the entire piece has movement reminiscent of the Holy Spirit’s rushing as a mighty wind on the day of Pentecost.

An infant and toddler nursery is provided during the worship service. It is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building, and the elevator is available to access the nursery. **Personal hearing devices** are available for those who have difficulty in hearing the service.