

## Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve

**“\$35 for 35” CAMPAIGN** — Our Methodist Family Center is 35 years old, but we are headed for the next 35 with some renovations, thanks to the generous gifts from our church family. We currently have **\$6,084** given to this campaign, designed to end with the Ice Cream Social (August 28). Two weeks remain for your support! Mark your check “\$35 for 35 Campaign.” Thank you for your support.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** — Today, 4 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**TRUSTEES** — Today, 6 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE** — Monday, 6 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**THE ENERGETICS** — Thursday, 11 a.m. in the Conference Room. You are invited!

**SUMMER CHANCEL CHOIR** — Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m., Choir Room. You are invited to join your heart and voice with our Summer Chancel Choir. Singers are needed! We are faithfully singing God’s praises through the summer months, and your presence in the Chancel will be welcomed any Sunday you are able to sing.

**UPCOMING MEETING** — *August 21*, Finance, 4:45 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUNDUP** — Sunday, August 28, 9:49 a.m. in The Chapel. Need a nudge to get involved in our Sunday School program? Everyone (all ages) need this time of learning about Christian living. Join us for a new year of Bible study on August 28!

**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** — Sunday, August 28, 5 p.m. Volunteers to make churns of ice cream and homemade cookies are needed. Please call Vicki Fowler (479.5495) to volunteer.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** — are needed for: **August 21, 28, September 18**. 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.

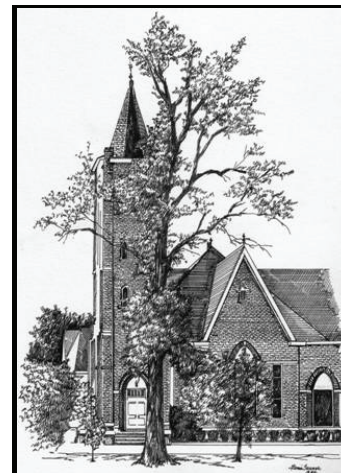
### Participating in Worship Today

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

**Nursery**—Brandy Deal, Kathy Kelley (SS and Worship);

**Greeters**—The Seekers Class; **Altar Guild**—Anna Margaret Hartis, Theo Odom

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| Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor..... RESIDENT BISHOP | Joann Hart .....             | FINANCIAL SECRETARY       |                           |
| Rev. Dickie Knight .....                       | DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT      | Rev. J. Leon Newton ..... | RETIRED UMC MINISTER      |
| Rev. Dr. Ben Michael Gafford .....             | SENIOR PASTOR                |                           |                           |
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**First United Methodist Church**  
**Bennettsville, South Carolina**  
*The Ninth Sunday of Kingdomtide*  
*August 14, 2011*



How good and  
pleasant it is  
when brothers  
live together  
in unity!

**Psalm 133:1**

# 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

“Arioso”

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger

*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

When hatred and division separate us, O Lord,

**Your love binds us together.**

When past quarrels estrange us from one another,

**Your love binds us together.**

When we feel excluded and left out,

**Your love binds us together.**

When we seek to keep Your love for ourselves,

**Your love binds us together.**

Bind us together, O Lord.

**Bind us together.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 555 “Forward Through the Ages”

SAINT GERTRUDE

## \*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

MEINEKE

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.

## \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15: 10-28, pg. 16 (NT)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we would rather be the Joseph who ruled all of Egypt

with unquestioned power and authority,

than the Joseph who wept with perfect forgiveness

on the necks of the brothers who had sold him into slavery;

we would rather be the disciples who felt superior to the Canaanite woman

when Jesus rebuffed her plea for help,

than the disciples after Jesus healed the woman’s child

when confronted by her faith.

Forgive us, O God, when we try to keep Your love for ourselves.

Help us know the joy of living in unity, even with those we would rather live without.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.

Rejoice in the knowledge of God’s saving love.

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

## THE PSALTER 850

Psalm 133

Swedish folk tune

*(The choir will sing the response, and the congregation is asked to join on the repeat.)*

## THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

## OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger

Fughetta on “B-A-C-H”

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 95

OLD HUNDRETH

“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 553

DENNIS

“And Are We Yet Alive”

## \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45: 1-15, pp. 40-41 OT

## THE ANTHEM

“Through It All”

Andraé Crouch

*The Summer Chancel Choir*

## THE MESSAGE

“Reframing Your Picture”

Rev. Dr. Gafford

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 526

CONVERSE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION 666

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

“Shalom to You”

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Clarence Eddy

Festival Postlude on “Old Hundredth”

\*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 altar flowers are given by Emily Kelly in loving memory of her father, Charles Finklea, whose birthday was August 16, and her father-in-law, Lewis Kelly, whose date of death was August 16.

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.