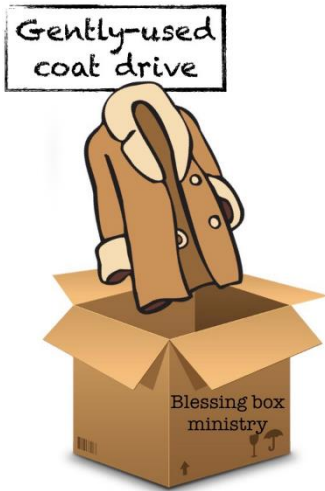


THE FIRST WORD

2019-10 First United Methodist Church – 109 West College Street – Winnsboro, SC 2019-10



I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight on the front page of our newsletter two awesome things that are happening in our church. One, the Blessing Box ministry is having a coat drive and will be distributing coats to folks in need in our community through the Blessing Box ministry. See page 7 for more information. Two, we have a great group of folks coming together to work on a float for the December 8th Town of Winnsboro Christmas parade. Our next meeting will be October 2nd at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall if you'd like to be a part of the parade. Both outreach projects say a lot about our church in the community and are something for us as a congregation to be excited about.

Additionally, I'd like you to save a few dates:

- Oct. 6th at 4:00pm when we will be Blessing the Animals in the fenced in side yard.
- November 3rd at 5:00pm Fall Festival and Family Night Supper. Come for a few games and most importantly fellowship.
- November 11th we will host the Newberry College Jazz Band, time TBA.
- December 19th at 5:00pm when we will celebrate a Community Blue Christmas Service. Blue Christmas is a service when we celebrate the light of Jesus Christ, John 1:5 "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*" But we also acknowledge that the season is not always easy. The parties, shopping, carols, and lights can be overwhelming in their abundance. It may also be a difficult time of year for those who have suffered a loss or struggle with sadness. This service is intended to give space to anyone who would like to get away from the hustle of the Christmas season. We will seek God's peace in the midst of the chaos through story, song, candle-lighting, prayer and silence. We're looking for the light. This service is open to the community and all are welcome.

I also wanted to take a moment to remind folks that I am accessible and available in the office Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings and by cellphone (828-442-6032) anytime outside of office hours. I have had wonderful conversations with many of our congregation and hope to continue this good communication. If you have questions, or concerns, or need clarification on something please feel free, in fact feel invited to come talk to me

#WINNingwithFUMC

Pastor Meg



**TO MEMBERS
OF OUR
CHURCH
FAMILY WITH
BIRTHDAYS IN
OCTOBER**

**If you do not see your birthday on the list, please
let us know!**

Oct. 7	Betsy Boulware
Oct. 7	Gray Brendle
Oct. 10	Bill Bittinger
Oct. 22	Jo Ann Futrell
Oct. 24	Heath Caldwell
Oct. 28	Esther Baughman

OUR MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER

USHERS: Terry Melvin and Jackie Wilkes

COUNTERS:

Mary Jim Gunter and Patsy Black
Sallie Kate and Donnie Laird
Jane Hinnant and Steve McDonald
Roy Barnett and Jim Baughman

Acolytes: Carson Taylor and Grant Taylor
Owen Wilson and Sidney Wilson
Mary Margaret Swearingen,
Walker Blackwelder, and ILenna Derrick

Liturgists: Sarah McMaster, Grant Taylor, Sarah
Bryant, Eddie Watford, and Robert Pemberton

When you can, remember to send a card, call or visit:

Brent Dorrier, NHC Parklane, Room 236, 7601 Parklane
Road, Columbia, SC 29223

Evon Estes The Crossings, Villa Room 240
2300 Clemson Road Columbia, SC 29229

Win McMaster 5301 Creedmoor Road Apt. 418
Raleigh, NC 27612 (919)322-0355

Doris Myfelt 3195 Rio Dosa Drive #2103, Lexington,
KY 40509 (859)309-9284

Dot Yon Goodwin House Apt. #401, 3440 S. Jefferson
Street Falls Church, VA 22041

Lisa Lewis Meyer The Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444
White Rock, SC 29177

Mabel Ward 320 Seven Farm Drive, The Summit
Place/Daniel Island, Charleston, SC 29452

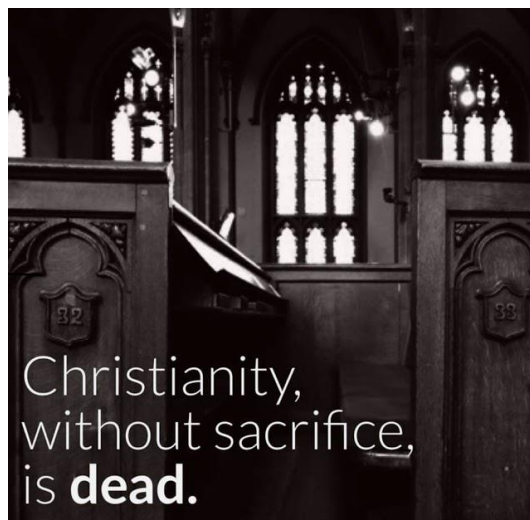
*Please, remember in prayer those serving our country in
our armed forces both at home and overseas.*



Dr. Clyde McCants, Sylvie
Hinnant, Susan Fowler-Hindall,
Lenora Bundy, Marion Robinson,
Mitzie Renwick, Lisa Lewis Meyer, Bob and
Phyllis Sweeney, Marie Wood, Frank Martin,
Brent Dorrier, Kenny Martin, Lynne Moore, Dean
Gaddy, Betty and Bundy Bynum.

*People will stay on the prayer list one month. If after
their four weeks you would like the person to stay on
the prayer list, please call the church office.*

**You can listen to our sermons on our
website! The audio version can be found
on our website at
www.firstumcwinnsboro.com
Visit us on Facebook, too!**





2019

Sunday School 10:00 am Children's Music
Ministry – 10:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Christmas Parade Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	<i>3</i> Blessing Box Distribution 8:00 am	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Cemetery Work Day 9:00 am</i>
<i>6</i> Blessing of Animals 4:00 pm Sarah Bryant Ilenna Derrick	<i>7</i> American Cross Blood Drive 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm	<i>8</i> <i>Charge Conference 6:30 pm</i>	<i>9</i> Choir Practice 7:30 pm	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Eddie Watford Walker Blackwelder	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> GardenClub (Michelle) 4:00 pm	<i>16</i> Choir Practice 7:30 pm	<i>17</i> Susanna Wesley 7:00 pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 9:00 am. Men's Club Breakfast Grant Taylor Mary Margaret Swearingen	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Choir Practice 7:30 pm	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Robert Pemberton Carson Taylor	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Choir Practice 7:30 pm	<i>31</i> BlessingBox Meeting 10:00 am		

*Acolytes **Liturgist

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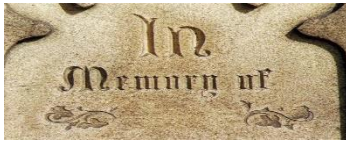
Blog: cultivatefaith.blogspot.com

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am-11:00 pm

Tuesday, out of office for Lectionary meetings

Visit www.firstumcwinnsboro.com to see the calendar for the entire year.

***** The Trustees ask that you mark your calendar for a Cemetery Workday on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Please come out and help keep our cemetery in top condition.**



Jack Stevenson

By

Don and Mary Jim Gunter

Jack Pope

By

Don and Mary Jim Gunter

Ann McMaster

By

John and Laura McMaster

Ann McMaster

Heyward Harden

Ric Miles

David Barr

Julie Doty

John Robinson , Jr.

Jack Stevenson

By

Steve and Herron McDonald



December 19 Community Blue Christmas Service 5:00pm

John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

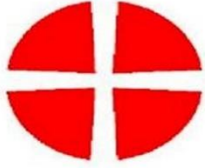
**Interested in helping with FUMC's float for the 2019
Winnsboro Christmas parade? We are looking for
volunteers!**

- **What:** There are several ways to get involved! We are in need of people to help with the construction and decoration of the float, puppeteers and others to ride on the float, and people to walk alongside the float and pass out candy.
- **When:** The parade will be held December 8th. Look for announcements in your bulletin and on our Facebook page for planning meetings and more information on float decoration.

We hope you will join us as we prepare for this fun activity!

MEG ON

METHODISM



What's Charge Conference and who can vote for 2019?

The United Methodist Church's website has a glossary of Methodist terms, this is the definition of a Charge Conference: "The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry." If you refer to the August Newsletter, Meg on Methodism featured more information about what the Administrative Council is and does. For review, the voting members of Charge Conference are the members of the Administrative Council.

Who's on Administrative Council for 2019?

This information is directly from paragraph 252.5 but I added the parentheticals with who is serving at First this year. The membership shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a) the chairperson of the church council; (Bob Drake)
- b) the lay leader; (Steve McDonald)
- c) the chairperson and/or a representative of the pastor-parish relations committee; (Jason Taylor)
- d) the chairperson and/or a representative of the committee on finance; (Sarah McMaster)
- e) the chairperson and/or a representative of the board of trustees; (Joe Navaro)
- f) the church treasurer; (Sue Hughes)
- g) a lay member to annual conference; (Bobbie Dove)
- h) the president and/or a representative of the United Methodist Men; (Bill Haslett)
- i) the president and/or a representative of the United Methodist Women; (Linda Haslett)
- j) a young adult representative
- k) a representative of the United Methodist Youth;
- l) the pastor(s). (Pastor Meg Cook)

Note, this year we are hosting a Neighborhood Charge Conference with Gordon Memorial UMC and Bethel UMC. Our District Superintendent describes the purpose of a Neighborhood conference as: To unite in worship and fellowship, and to learn from one another about effective ministry. Our Charge Conference is October 8th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.



The Communicators for Christ Conference is Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5, at Rosewood Church, 2901 Rosewood Dr, Columbia. It is for students 6-18 and adults.

This conference is the best thing I know we have available this fall to help our students understand that they can and they must communicate well when they identify with Christ. This is a 2-day immersive experience that provides a safe environment for them to learn the vital skills they need for success in life and as ambassadors for Christ. And, our interactive training and engaging young adult leaders make this something even reluctant students are drawn to. Students leave with a new expectation and belief about themselves as communicators and the confidence to influence their culture. We have training for adults too to help them clarify their vision for their family and equip them to continue to develop the skills their students need. It's a don't-miss opportunity!

[Here is more information and a link to register.](#)

Thank you,
Julie Rambo



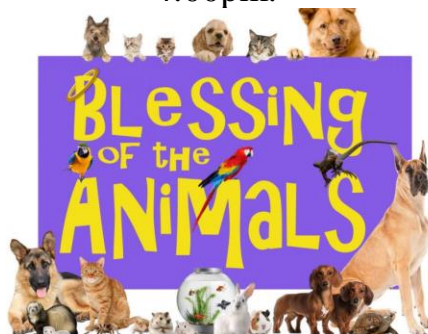
The 22nd Annual Rock Around the Clock will be held on October 4 and 5 this year. Come out and support this festival!



First United Methodist has teamed up with First Church of the Nazarene to help build ramps for community members in need of assistance. Thank you to Steve McDonald (behind the camera for this picture), Tommy Richardson and Jackie Wilkes.

Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of Animals witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. This special service invites us to recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures and strengthens the Church's witness of stewardship of creation. We are charged with caring for animals and all of creation. This casual service is held outdoors, is short and usually filled with a few laughs as who knows what the animals might do! See you Sunday October 6 at 4:00pm.





The Blessing Box Ministry is in its 3rd year of helping the less fortunate citizens of Fairfield County. Thanks be

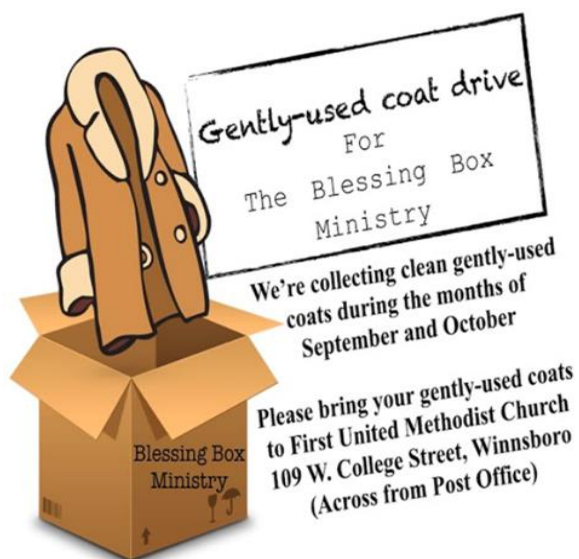
to God and to the wonderful, faithful partners in this ministry.

What began at First United Methodist Church in March of 2017 offering 25 boxes of household necessities has grown to offering 80 bags of these items. During the last 6 months we have given bags to 449 Fairfield County households.

We have transitioned from cardboard boxes that the ministry had to purchase to reusable "Blessing Box" totes that recipients bring back each month to be refilled with paper bags donated by Bi-Lo.

While our committee is very proud of the success of the Blessing Box Ministry, it's continued growth is taking a toll on our resources. We will be seeking new partners and sponsors in the coming months. If you have any suggestions for finding such resources, please encourage them to join us in our efforts to improve the daily lives of our neighbors in Fairfield County.

The cost of filling a single Blessing Box bag is about \$18.00, so we are asking for your continued support in the form of prayers, participation and donations.



First United Methodist Church has partnered



with Bethel ARP for Middle School Youth Group. The meetings are held on Wednesday beginning at 6 pm with dinner (\$2.00) followed by a

program from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Grades 6th through 8th are invited.

Go Griffins!

Pastor Meg and football team members from Fairfield Central High School after she gave the devotion during their pregame meal. A special thank you to Bob Drake, Sarah McMaster, and Steve McDonald for their participation in this great outreach ministry in the community.



Newberry Jazz Band Concert November 10



Note Date Change: Fall Festival (Family Night Supper) will

move from November 10 to November 3 at 5:00pm.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

Monday October 7, 2019

2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Call or text Barbara Martin at 803-633-5270 to schedule a
donation time

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes
by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-
donation reading and health history questions. **Must be done on
the day you donate.**

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