

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Forty Days of Transformation*

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2008

### ✠ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ✠



*Change is one of life's constants. At worst, it's something we resist and contend with; at best, it's a sign of God's grace and an opportunity for growth. There are time changes -- setting back clocks, varying the tempo and pace of life. There are temperament change -- shifting attitudes, movements toward new understandings and feelings. There are nature's seasonal changes -- frosting windshields, scurrying squirrels and chipmunks doing their winter shopping among the fallen leaves. There are our own personal changes -- developing identity, acknowledgment that we are somewhat different today than we were a week ago or a year ago, or many decades ago.*

*This morning we gather to worship the steadfast God who accompanies us through all the changes of our lives. Thanks be to God. Welcome to worship!*

#### THE PRELUDE

“Ein’ Feste Burg ist Unser Gott”

Buxtehude

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

#### THE INTROIT

“Holy Ground”

Beatty

*The Chancel Choir*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 84:12 - 13)

God is our sun, our shield, the giver of honor and grace!

**The Lord never fails to bless those who do what is right!**

Lord of heaven's might, blest are all who trust in you!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever!**

#### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 110

*Today is **Reformation Sunday**, the day that Protestant denominations traditionally set aside to remember our common heritage. It commemorates the date in October 1517,*

*when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg Cathedral protesting the excesses of the Catholic church of his day. One of the most important (and often overlooked) results of the Protestant Reformation was the reemergence of congregational hymn singing. For over 1000 years, the common people were prohibited from singing in church. Only the clergy and professional singers performed music in worship.... **Sing Out! Lift up your voice! Make a joyful noise to the Lord!***

#### \*THE OPENING PRAYER

#### THE FIRST READING (1 Kings 17:8-16 ✠ pew bible, OT p.)

#### THE RESPONSE

“All I Need Is You” (thin black hymnal) No. 2080

*Sing in prayerful response to the gift of God's word.*

♪ All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.

**You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.**

♪ All I want is you, Jesus, all I want is you.

**You are the source of all I need. All I want is you.**

♪ My only hope is you, Lord, my only hope is you.

**You are the source of all I need. My only hope is you.**

#### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The “Passing of the Peace” is a sacred and grace-filled sign that those in the community of faith are reconciled in love to one another through the love of God in Jesus, the Christ. It may be expressed as a verbal exchange (“The Peace of Christ be with you” or simply “Peace”) or by gesture. Much more than a friendly greeting, it expresses the peace of Christ that dwells among God's people.*

#### THE GOOD NEWS FOR CHILDREN

Sara Ryan

#### THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

#### THE OFFERTORY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Gladden

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 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!

#### \*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*THE HYMN OF GRACE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (verses 1 and 3)

No. 140

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER** *(followed by the Lord's prayer, no. 895)*

**\*THE SECOND READING** *(Mark 12:41-44 ✕ pew bible, NT p.)*

**THE ANTHEM** "I Will Praise the Lord All the Days of My Life" **Fischer**

**THE SERMON** "The One to Watch" **Rev. Tom**

**\*THE HYMN OF PEACE** "Spirit of God" *(verses 1, 3, 4 and 5)* (♣TFWS) **No. 2117**

**\*THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT**

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**THE RESPONSE** "May You Run and Not Be Weary" **No. 2281**  
*Choir & Congregation*

May you run and not be weary.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue  
to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary.  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel  
always lead you home.

**\*THE POSTLUDE** "Recessional on St. Anne" **Gladden**

**WE ARE SENT TO WITNESS, LOVE & SERVE**

*(\*)Those who are able may stand.*

*(♣)thin black hymnal -- The Faith We Sing*



*First United Methodist Church, South Charleston*  
*Forty Days of Transformation ✕ October 26, 2008*

**"...she... put in  
everything -  
all she had..."**

**Mark 12:44**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Nov. 2:** Ethel Akers (Riverside Nursing Home), Alma Snyder (Teays Valley Center), Marie Tatterson, Jeff Lynch (Bud Anderson’s friend), Marie Tillman (Pat Burchett’s mother), John Providenti, Family of Eric West, Karen Stewart, (Donna Stewart’s daughter in law), B. J. Berkhouse, Violet Whited (Harold Wright’s cousins), Judy Smith (Rick Johnston’s sister), Mary Reese (Melinda Adamson’s mother), Missy Nicely, Mike Johnson (Herk & Pat Nicely’s friend, daughter, Herk’s co worker), Margaret Armstrong (Harry Warwick’s cousin), Brenda Jordan (Becky Lilly’s sister-in-law), Jason Fultineer, Eric Stepp, Susan Fultineer, Jerry Case, (Roy Fultineer’s cousin, friend, aunt and co worker), Emma Kate Marmen and Ron Walker, Charles Schultz & family, (Dawn Wells’ cousins & friends), Katherine Watson (David Watson’s mother), Phyllis Permalia, Clarence and Michael McCoy, Karen Morgan.

*ITALICS* –New on our Prayer List

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

**We’re making some changes to our weekly, church-wide prayer list.**

Some of you have expressed concerns about the format and length of the list, so here’s what we will do. To submit a name to the list please call or email the church office at fumcsc@verizon net. Names will appear on the list for three Sundays. We encourage each of you to keep a family or personal prayer list so that First church may truly be an Hour of Prayer.

**Altar Flowers** are to the Glory of God.

**Congratulations** to Bill and Elinor Bare who are celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, November 2.

**Thank you** for prayers, all your cards, and phone calls following my surgery.  
*Bennie Warden*

**Thank you to the Craft Group** for my birthday luncheon and all the cards I received for my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 30. *Edna Moore*

**Leaf Raking** – The youth group (and adult volunteers) will be raking leaves on Tuesday, November 11. This is not a fundraiser. It is a service for those who are unable to rake leaves.

<b><u>This Week's Church Calendar: Nov. 2 – Nov. 9</u></b>		
<b><u>SUN:</u></b>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10.50 AM	Pre Service Prayer in Chapel
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12:15 PM	Blue’s BBQ luncheon in social hall
	5:30 PM	UM Youth in youth room
<b><u>MON:</u></b>	6:00 PM	Social hall reserved
	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Committee in parlor
	6:00 PM	UM Women Executive Committee in library
	7:00 PM	Scouts in scout room Youth lock in youth room
<b><u>TUES:</u></b>		<b>Election Day!</b>
<b><u>WED:</u></b>	5:30 – 7:00 PM	<b>WOW!</b> For children in social hall
	6:30 PM	40 Days of Transformation
<b><u>THUR:</u></b>	6:30 PM	Tiger Cubs in scout room
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir rehearsal
<b><u>SUN:</u></b>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:50 AM	Pre Service Prayer in Chapel
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12:15 PM	Staff appreciation reception in social hall
	5:30 PM	UM Youth in youth room

**Today, we remember** these church members, family and friends, who have passed fully into God’s eternal care since November 4, 2007:

Wallace C. Adkins	Hester Barker	Alice Cartte	Thomas & Bethel Childers
Virginia Childress	Sarah Christenson	Libby Collins	Clifton Daughtery
Pavanne Elmore	Virginia Hoge	Florence I. Jones	Wanda J. Kesner
Adrain Lowery	Ellen Lenore Moore	Mary Ruth Pearman	Ira Ragsdale
Don Riggle	Waltin Shrewsbury	George Stewart	

**Blue’s BBQ Lunch** will be held immediately after church today, provided by Jay and Honor Thomas. The menu will consist of BBQ chicken, BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, side dishes, drinks and dessert. The cost will be adults - \$8.00, ages 3-6 years - \$4.00 and free for 0-2 years. Proceeds will go to the church budget. Take outs will also be available.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Don Riggle who died in Florida on Don Riggle is a former member of First United Methodist Church.

**The Staff Parish Committee** would like for everyone to join us immediately following worship on Sunday, November 9, for a reception honoring our church staff. There will be a card basket available for each staff member.

**Conscientious Coins** will be received next Sunday, November 9.

**Upper Rooms for November and December** are available in the Narthex.

**Third quarter contribution statements** are available for you to pick up in the Narthex.

**The newspaper ad** is sponsored this week by Carl and Betty Childress.

**There were several items** left at Doc Deardorff's farm from the church picnic. If you are missing an item you took to the picnic, please check in the kitchen and see if one of these items belongs to you.

**A fresh crop of pecans have been ordered by the United Methodist Women**

A sign up sheet to order pecans is available in the Narthex and the cost is \$7.50 per pound (no increase from last year). The pecans will be arriving before Thanksgiving.

**Christmas Food Baskets 2008** Once again we will be preparing baskets for neighborhood families that need a little help during the holidays. Look for the following items when you go to the grocery store and bring them to the church at your convenience: Ketchup-36 oz, mustard-20 oz, mayonnaise-32 oz, shortening-3 lb, peanut butter-2 lb, large can of juice like Juicy Juice, and coffee-35-39 oz. A complete list of other items needed will be published soon.

**We are in need of sponsors for the Church Ad in the weekly newspaper for November**

If you would be interested in sponsoring an ad, please fill in your name and place in the collection plate along with your check in the amount of \$28.00. Thank you for your donations.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ will sponsor the church ad in the newspaper for \$28.00. Checks should be made payable to the church.

**Save your HP, Dell, Lexmark Ink Cartridges** – Please bring your empty cartridges to the church office to help cut cost with office supplies for the church. The empty ink cartridges can be turned in at Staples for credit towards future purchases of office supplies.

**Please sign the registration pads** at the end of each pew. This helps the office keep in touch with those that have not been in church for several Sundays

**Greetings to all our Visitors today.** We hope you picked up a yellow cross lapel pin located outside our front doors. Our congregation wants to meet and greet you prior to worship service by shaking of hands and words of kindness shared during The Peace of Christ time and after our service. Our sanctuary is one of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. 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.

#### **The Ministry of Worship**

**The Ushers:** Jim Snyder, Barney Lilly, Harold Swisher, Bob Nester, David Pauley, Carl Childress, Herk Nicely, Charles Allen, Danny Murphy, and George Russell, Alex Rhodes

**The Acolyte:** Tiana Hall and Gary Anderson

**The Director of Music:** Gena Ryan

**The Organist:** William (Pat) Holbrook

**Christian Education Director:** Sara Ryan

**Administrative Assistant:** Linda Nehr

**The Pastor:** Thomas P. Nolan

**Tape Ministry:** Don Ryan, Gary Good, Ed King and Dan Blackwood

**Nursery/Toddler:** Assistant: ; Adult Volunteers: Ken Bostic

*(For infants through age 3)*

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

*Let us hear from you!*

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