

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, April 26, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School  
11:00am Online Sunday Worship Celebration  
([www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org))  
5:00pm **NO** MYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies  
6:00pm Zoom Meeting with Columbia District

### Monday, April 27, 2020

*Office closed*  
10:00am Zoom Meeting with Hartsville District  
5:00pm **NO** Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
6:00pm **NO** Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm **NO** Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

### Tuesday, April 28, 2020

*Office closed*  
11:00am **NO** Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn  
(Fellowship Hall)  
12:00pm May 3 Bulletin Deadline (Announcements)

### Wednesday, April 29, 2020

*Office closed*  
6:00pm WOW Study (Online Study only)

### Thursday, April 30, 2020

*Office closed*  
10:30am "Fierce" Bible Study (Online Study only)

### Friday, May 1, 2020

*Office closed*

### Saturday, May 2, 2020

Recording of May 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship Service

### Sunday, May 3, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School  
11:00am Online Sunday Worship Celebration ([www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org))  
5:00pm **NO** MYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Phillip Caulder, Debbie & Randy Butler (Sally Smith's friend), Mary Ann Stalnaker (Judy Dixon's mother), Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adam's mother), James McCall, Billy Woodward (Curtis Jones' friend), Curtis Jones, Charles Watson (Chase Watson's dad), Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Jerry & Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Gladys Sweeney. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**Year to Date Income:** \$92,362.83  
**Year to Date Expenses:** \$88,312.39

#### FUMC STAFF

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.



**THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW**

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**APRIL 26, 2020**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

## **A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

### *TIME OF CENTERING*

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please consult pages 3-4 of today's bulletin as well as The Connection insert.)*

### *CALL TO WORSHIP*

L: Sing a new song!

**P: A JOYFUL MELODY OF SPRINGTIME GLORY AND REBIRTH!**

L: Sing praise to our Still-Laughing Easter God!

**P: WHO HAS ROLLED AWAY THE BINDINGS OF YESTERDAY!**

L: Immerse your anxiety and despair in the fountain of new birth!

**P: WE PLACE OUR VISIONS AND HOPES ON THE ALTAR OF RESURRECTION!**

L: For our God of Glory consistently takes ordinary things ...

**P: AND MAKES THEM EXTRAORDINARY!**

L: So let us sing a new song!

### *OPENING HYMN NO. 64*

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*Lawton Harris*

### *OPENING PRAYER*

*Rev. L. Kim Eanes*

### *A CREED FOR THE EASTERTIDE SEASON (responsively):*

L: We believe in God, who made us in His image.

**P: WE LIVE, WE LOVE, WE LAUGH, BECAUSE WE ARE LIKE HIM.**

L: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

**P: HE HAD THE LAST LAUGH ON THE DEVIL WHEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD!**

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

**P: OUR COUNSELOR ... OUR GUIDE ... OUR MOTIVATOR ... HE IS OUR JOY!**

L: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously ... when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children ... when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**P: RESTORE TO US THE JOY OF OUR SALVATION, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

**ALL: AMEN!**

### *A WORD TO THE CHILDREN*

*"Clean Hands, Clean Hearts"*

*Hollis Dusa, Charlotte Hurst*

### *ACT OF PRAISE (based on Psalm 16)*

**Please respond by proclaiming "ALLELUIA" at each pause by the Leader.**

### *SHARING OF PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please consult the Prayer List on the back of the bulletin.)*

### *PASTORAL PRAYER*

### *THE LORD'S PRAYER NO. 895*

### *SPECIAL MUSIC*

*"Solseggietto by Bach"*

*Lawton Harris*

### *A FAITH MESSAGE*

*"Overcoming Disappointment in a Season of Celebration"*

*Leighton Becker*

### *CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE NO. 364*

*"Because He Lives"*

*Lawton Harris, Margaret Jean Harris*

### *DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

### *POSTLUDE*

**WE NEED YOU!** Please keep in mind that this is a critical time of need for all, some more than others! Our FUMC ministries, missions, and administrative operations are still functioning at full power, and thus, we are dependent upon your continued support! If you are uncomfortable mailing your pledge/giving to the church, you are invited to use the drop box at the exterior entrance door to the Pastor's office. That drop box slot is checked DAILY! Thank you!

**INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND THE UMC:** To view South Carolina United Methodist Bishop L. Jonathan Holston's statements of recommendation for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic in local churches, please go to [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org). On that website, you will find the latest statements posted by Bishop Holston as related to our current global pandemic. You will also have access to the Bishop's daily online prayers. Also on the Conference website, are other "headlines of interest" related to postponements and cancellations as a result of COVID-19

**CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS:** Per Pastor Kim's letter dated April 20th, 2020, the FUMC church office is now closed in conjunction with the closing of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church headquarters in Columbia. As consistently advertised in the weekly bulletins, Pastor Kim's contact number is 843-685-3659. This is her personal cell number and you are invited to call her with any church related business. As well, as has been our routine over the past three weeks, you are also invited to call the church office number, which Angie has been answering from her remote location at home, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, with the exception of the Noon lunch hour. If you do not receive an answer when calling either Pastor Kim's number or the church phone number, please leave a detailed voicemail message, and Pastor Kim or Angie will get back to you as quickly as possible! And please remember, stay safe and healthy!

**ONE CALL COMMUNICATIONS:** First UMC is using our One Call Communication System quite frequently during this time of restriction and social separation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This One Call System involves a pre-recorded message from FUMC which comes automatically to your pre-selected phone number, reporting the latest news/notifications/messages. The One Call System is absolutely free, and your number can be added to the system very easily. If you are not yet registered, just call or email the church office with your selected/preferred phone number, and Angie will import your number into the system. In this time of forced social distancing, let's make sure to NOT simultaneously practice emotional distance!

**RELAY FOR LIFE ACTIVITIES:** For the safety of our staff and volunteers, the American Cancer Society, Southeast Region (Charlotte) has closed their offices to the public until further notice. All events including the Relay for Life of Chesterfield County and in-person meetings have been suspended through mid-May.

**SAFETY FIRST!** During these times of reduced activity at the church, as well as reduced staffing on a daily basis, it is extremely essential that the church alarm be engaged at all times when the church is closed. If you enter and exit the building at any time, and you are the last one to depart, please be sure to ENGAGE THE ALARM as you exit. Thank you.

**CONTINUED FINANCIAL NEEDS:** As you know, FUMC's staff responsibilities and ministry activities are continuing to function on a full time basis, which means the physical structure needs of the church are also still ongoing. Your consistent financial gifts even amidst this current global crisis have been very much appreciated. And we pray that you will continue to find joy and satisfaction in the practice of regular "cheerful giving" (2nd Corinthians 9:7) to your home church, FUMC!