

# **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 15, 2020***

***24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN***

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

***\*\*Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.***

***The Chiming of the Hour and Prelude are times during which we quiet ourselves, centering our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. Please use those times not for socializing but for prayer and meditation. This is a sacred time when God communes with his people.***

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Angela Holliday, Bryson Hunter

**PRELUDE**

Jackson Rushing

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*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.

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Spoken in Unison)**

**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.**

**MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

“Walk By Faith” Jeremy Camp

Words in Bulletin

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 25: 14-30

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**SERMON**

Kingdom Investments

Rev. Debra Armstrong

**\*HYMN**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Words in Bulletin

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Jackson Rushing

**Please leave your offering in the basket near the door as you exit**

Theodore Burns

***\*Please stand if able***

***REMINDER—MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHILE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING, INCLUDING  
WHILE IN THE SANCTUARY.***

# Walk By Faith

By Jeremy Camp

Would I believe You when You would say  
Your hand will guide my every way  
Will I receive the words You say  
Every moment of every day

Well I will walk by faith  
Oh even when I cannot see it  
Well because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me

Help me to win my endless fears  
You've been so faithful for all my years  
With the one breath You make me  
Your grace covers all I do  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Well I will walk by faith  
Oh even when I cannot see it  
Well because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me

Well I'm broken, but I still see Your face  
Well You've spoken, pouring Your words of grace

Well I will walk by faith  
Oh even when I cannot see it  
Well because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me

Well I will walk by faith  
Oh even when I cannot see it  
Well because this broken road  
Prepares Your will for me

Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
(I will walk by faith, I will walk by faith  
I will walk by faith, I will walk by faith)  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
(I will walk, I will walk, I will walk by faith)  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
(I will, I will, oh yeah I will walk by faith)  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Well Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Songwriters: Camp Jeremy Thomas

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Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,  
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,  
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be - no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be  
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and  
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver  
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.  
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.  
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)  
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

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# THE CONNECTION

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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.

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## *A Few Words from the Pastor...*

Every fall as I sweep or rake up leaves, I remember a time many years ago when my great-grandfather Sullivan and I were singing as we pulled up weeds and raked leaves in his backyard. After we sang the words “every time I hear a new born baby cry, or touch a leaf, or see the sky, then I know why I believe,” from Frankie Laine’s, *I Believe*, I looked up and saw tears glistening in my Papaw’s eyes. He explained to me that this song reminded him that God is in our midst singing with us and rejoicing over us. At the time, I did not understand exactly what that meant but I shared in my Papaw’s joy and he gave me a glimpse of his faith in God in a memory that will last a lifetime.

Later I discovered this verse from Zephaniah underlined in my Papaw’s Bible. “*The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*” *Zephaniah 3:17 NKJV*. This Bible verse was the source of my Papaw’s total confidence that God was present with us rejoicing and singing right along with us. My great-grandfather did not quote the scripture at me. He lived God’s word and passed it on to me!

When was the last time you caught a glimpse of God’s love? Have you seen God rejoicing over you and singing with you lately? Have you shared your faith with your family and friends recently?

Many images come to mind as I ponder those questions. I see, hear, and taste God’s presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Often in worship, I see expressions on faces that remind me God is present and rejoicing with us. I see joyful tears of faith in parents eyes as I baptize their child.

Please take some time to ponder and then to share your glimpses of God’s Kingdom with others and with me. Our journey with the Lord is sweeter as we travel along sharing our faith stories with each other!

*Pastor Debra*

**FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Charles "Trippi" McDuffie, who was born November 18, 1949, by his family.

**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, Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Tony Thrailkill, Rebecca Baker, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, Connie Williamson, JoAnne Morgan, Walker Laney Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



### **Shepherd's Child Christmas Party**

We will have a little different format this year due to COVID-19, so we will need more volunteers to help the day of the party. Please let Trina Mills know if you are willing to help.

The Shepherd's Child Christmas party will be Dec. 18 at 1:00 p.m. We plan to have 36 children. The names of the children will be ready for you to choose on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> as you enter church. You can also come by the church during office hours to choose a name.

If you would like someone to shop for your child, you can donate money for your child. We also need monetary donations to purchase supplies for the party.

To make a monetary donation for your child's gifts or to help with supplies for the party, you may give the money to Trina Mills, to Angie Smith in the church office. or put it in the offering plate labeled Shepherd's Child Party.

With your help, we will be able to have a successful party for these children even in the midst of a pandemic.

### **Your Help Needed!**

We do not currently have a person on staff to provide music for worship. Volunteer musicians are providing the music for the prelude and postlude each Sunday. We are using recordings of hymns. If you can play the guitar, piano, organ we need your help to provide music for our worship service in this transition. Please contact Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586 and offer to share your God-given talents with our church.



We have some needs for our food pantry. It is helpful to have items that have pull-top lids. Food for the pantry may be dropped off at the church on Sundays or Tuesday – Thursday during office hours. Items needed at this time are:

- Canned meat
- Canned Meals—Beef Stew, Ravioli, Beenie Weenies, etc.
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned fruit (we have plenty of applesauce)
- Instant Grits
- Instant Oatmeal
- Low sugar nutritious cereal
- Individual packs of cookies, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, etc.

## **Choice of In-Person or Virtual Learning for Students Underway**

Parents of students in the Chesterfield County Schools have until November 24, 2020 to choose if your child(ren) will attend school in-person or virtually for the Spring Semester that starts January 4<sup>th</sup>. After November 24<sup>th</sup> there will not be any changes. Parents were emailed a link by the school district for them to use to make the choice for their child(ren). If you did not receive a link, contact your child's school office to get that information.

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you would like to put flowers in the church in November, this Sunday is available: November 22.

**J.O.Y CLUB:** The J.O.Y Club will not meet anymore this year, but plans are being made to meet on Thursday, January 21, 2021, providing Covid is gone and things are safe to meet at that time.

**BOOK AVAILABLE:** Copies of the book titled "Resurrection, A Pastor's Reading of the Major New Testament Resurrection Passages" by Pastor Phil Thrailkill, are available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each and the money is being donated to FUMC.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It is once again time for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes, labels and list of items to buy will be provided outside of the church office. Please prayerfully consider filling a shoebox. All across the world we have experienced Covid -19, therefore we want to collect more shoeboxes than ever before. Now more than ever children need HOPE. Please join me in putting a smile on the face of a Child this Christmas that needs to see Jesus. Please have all boxes at the church by **November 22**. Please remember to include your 9 dollars for shipping. If you would like to donate money to fill boxes you may give your money to the church office. I will be glad to shop and fill the boxes for you. Thank you so much for all you do! - Jenny Keefe

**OFFICE HOURS THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING:** The office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 the week of Thanksgiving.

**HEAD USHERS NEEDED:** If you would like to head usher, please call Theodore Burns at 843-287-1836 or Angie Smith at 843-537-7002.

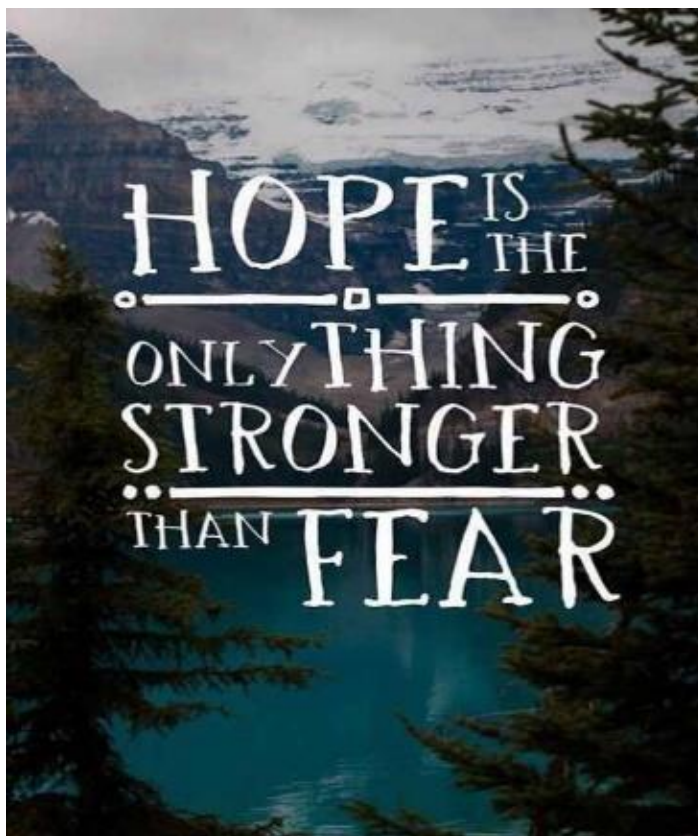
**PASTORAL VISITS:** Pastor Debra is scheduling pastoral care visits. These will be porch or driveway visits and the pastor will wear a mask. Please do not wait for a scheduled time if you need pastoral care. Pastor Debra is available by email, phone, text, and video chat. The pastor's contact information is: Church Office: 843-537-7002; Cell Phone: 843-253-3132; or email [daarmstrong@umcsc.org](mailto:daarmstrong@umcsc.org).

**FACEBOOK FAN?** As you are hopefully aware, during this extended time of social distancing due to the coronavirus, your FUMC staff has continued to try to keep you informed through the various means of emails, One Calls, personal phone calls, and our FUMC Facebook page! Please know that as we continue to "endure" some extended social distancing protocol, your FUMC staff will continue to post pictures, comics, and uplifting messages in order that we might "stay connected". If you would like to share something uplifting or humorous with our FUMC family via the FUMC Facebook page, please submit your post to Angie at: [fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL GIFTS:** If you would like to give an "in memory" gift to FUMC, you may designate it to any area listed below: Contingency Fund, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Adult Exercise Class, Salkehatchie Summer Service, Bus Fund, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Building Upkeep Fund, Parsonage Upkeep Fund, Grounds Upkeep Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** First UMC offers a Nurture and Care Ministry. If you have a loved one who could use a visit and/or a word of cheer, and/or if you know of a shut-in who needs some care and attention, please contact the church office. Please note that while our Nurture and Care volunteers have "re-modeled" their ways of reaching out due to our current social distancing recommendations, they are continuing to contact shut-ins via phone calls, greeting cards, and porch "deliveries"! So please let us know if there is someone of whom you are aware who would appreciate some extra TLC!

**A MINISTRY OF SERVICE:** Our Nurture and Care Committee offers a transport ministry by members of First UMC. If you or a loved one needs a ride to a doctor's appointment or a medical errand, please call the church office. We have several volunteers on the roster who are willing to give you a lift, in strict compliance with the current COVID-19 guidelines. Please don't hesitate to call the church office if you are in need of this valuable ministry of service to others!





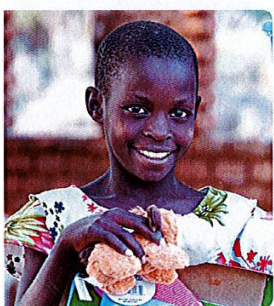


**SHARING GOOD NEWS,  
GREAT JOY!**

**DEAR FRIEND,**

Each shoebox you pack helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him through our discipleship program called The Greatest Journey.

In a new initiative, we are going island to island in the Pacific to take the Gospel to a half a million children over the next few years, as part of our commitment to "*proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation*" (Mark 16:15, ESV).



In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to-reach places to make His Name known.

This has resulted in more than 2 million children making decisions for Christ and over 1,000 churches being started in one year! For example, there's now a church in a remote village in Namibia among the Himba unreached people group.

"Before we had never heard of Jesus," said Pastor Kuyelia, leader of the new church. "Now, we have abandoned witch doctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship."

We're thankful for all those who have faithfully prayed for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. You can join us in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world can hear the Good News of the Gospel. May God bless you.

— **Franklin Graham**  
**President, Samaritan's Purse**



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# THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



## PACKING, COLLECTING, & SHIPPING

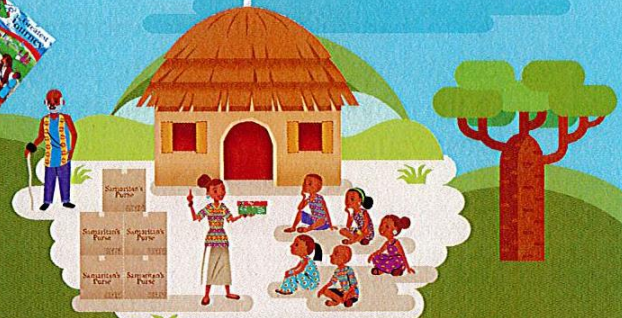
People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.



## INTERNATIONAL

### DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who are eager to share the Gospel and bless children.



## INTERNATIONAL

### OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



## INTERNATIONAL

### DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, November 15, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School  
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies

### Monday, November 16, 2020

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

### Tuesday, November 17, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
11:00am **NO** Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn  
(Fellowship Hall)  
12:00pm November 22 Bulletin Deadline

### Wednesday, November 18, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
7:00pm Living Prayer Bible Study

### Thursday, November 19, 2020

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open  
10:00am-11:00am Living Prayer Bible Study

### Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School  
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary  
5:30-7:00pm UMYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies

**McArn Items:** Soups

**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa

**Attendance Sunday, November 8:** 60

**Year to Date Received:** \$286,450.22

**Year to Date Expenses:** \$305,650.99

#### FUMC STAFF

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**Now Hiring!** - Music Director